

The Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association and the Kansas Department of Education, School Bus Safety Unit sponsor the state level contest for Kansas.

The National School Bus Safety Poster Contest is sponsored each year by the National Association for Pupil Transportation, the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services and the National School Transportation Association.

The national contest is open only to winners of state/province contests or contests held by overseas US military installations. No other posters will be accepted.

DO NOT mail posters directly to the National Association of Pupil Transportation.

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

WHO MAY ENTER:

Any student enrolled in a Kansas public, parochial or other private elementary or middle school (plus high school for Divisions 4 and 5 only) may enter. Any Kansas student who is a member of a US military family stationed overseas may submit artwork to the Kansas School Bus Safety Poster Contest.

HOW MANY POSTERS MAY EACH SCHOOL SUBMIT

A school may submit a maximum of five posters per classroom.

POSTER SPECIFICATIONS:

- Completed poster size must be 11" X 17" or 12" X 18"
- The official entry form found on the last page of these instructions must be securely fastened to the back of the poster. Please print clearly
- This form must be displayed on the back of the entry
- Posters may be illustrated on the vertical or horizontal axis
- DO NOT roll or fold posters. They must be mailed/delivered flat. DO NOT place name, school, etc. on the front of the poster
- Designs should be submitted on quality tag, poster board or heavy paper
- Lamination is not permitted and will disqualify the poster
- Cut paper/stencils (freehand or pre-drawn stencils) are not permitted and will disqualify the poster
- There is no limitation on the use and number of colors
- There is no limitation on the type of media—such as print, crayon, felt pen, etc. used on the poster design; however, wood place, glass or metal should not be part of the poster. Collage materials should not be used. Glued on pieces will eliminate the poster.
- Poster designs may not incorporate any copyrighted characters (i.e., comic and/or television characters), photographs, and magazine or newspaper illustrations.

POSTER THEME:

Red Lights Mean STOP!

- Every poster and slogan must harmonize with the 2019 poster contest theme: **Red Lights Mean STOP!**
- Contestants must illustrate the above theme only and the theme must be written exactly as shown above on the poster. This includes ALL punctuation, including the exclamation mark
- If the theme **Red Lights Mean STOP!** is not written exactly as shown, it will be disqualified
- Drawings must be original, correct in safety concept and the exclusive work of the student entering the contest in idea, design and execution. All artwork should be positive in approach, demonstrating only proper school bus safety behaviors.
- At least a part of a yellow school bus must be present in the poster

LETTERS & DRAWING:

- The poster design may incorporate freehand drawn letters only.
- Stenciled, pre-printed, manufactured stick-on or press-on letters or tracings may not be used and will disqualify the poster
- Lettering should be clearly legible, even if used as part of the poster design
- Please refrain from having slogan lettering run off the edge of the paper (1" margin be allowed on either side of the slogan/theme to allow for photography of the artwork)

CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF AWARD-WINNING POSTERS:

- Relationship of the poster design to the school bus safety practices (Safety Impact)
- Originality of the poster and how the theme is expressed in the poster design
- Artwork and its execution
- Visual impact of the poster design

WHEN CAN POSTERS BE DRAWN:

Posters are to be drawn between September 1, 2018 and April 30, 2019

SUBMITTING POSTERS FOR STATE JUDGING:

- DO NOT mail posters to The National Association for Pupil Transportation. Posters must first be submitted for State level judging
- DO NOT roll or fold posters. They must be mailed/delivered flat
- DO NOT place name, school, etc., on the front of the poster. Display information on the back only using the official entry card located on the last page of his document.
- Posters may be submitted any time after March 1 and postmarked no later than May 6, 2019.

MAIL POSTERS TO:

Kansas State Department of Education
Attn: School Bus Safety Unit
900 SW Jackson, Suite 356
Topeka, KS 66612

WINNER NOTIFICATION:

Schools will be notified sometime after September 15 of winning entries

**POSTERS SUBMITTED FOR THE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY POSTER CONTEST BECOME THE PROPERTY OF
KSPTA/KSDE/NAPT AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED**

OTHER:

KSDE/KSPTA is responsible for submitting the top poster from each division for the national competition

POSTER CONTEST DIVISIONS:

Division #1 - Grades K-2
Division #2 - Grades 3-5
Division #3 - Grades 6-8
Division #4 – Special Education
Division #5 – CAD (Computer Aided Drawing)

OFFICIAL CARD/ENTRY FORM

The official entry card located on the last page of this document must be securely fastened to the back of the poster. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

- DO NOT place this information on the front of the poster
- Display on the back only

NATIONAL JUDGING & PRIZES

The Kansas State Department of Education will submit the 1st place winner for each division in the Kansas contest to the 2019 National School Bus Safety Poster Contest.

Prominent individuals in the field of transportation will evaluate the posters during the annual NAPT Conference usually held in late October / early November.

The NSBSW Committee has the right to disqualify any entry that does not comply with all contest requirements.

Prizes will be awarded in each national division as follows:

- 1st place and overall winner - \$500 check
- 1st place winners of remaining 3 divisions - \$250 check
- 2nd place winners of each 4 divisions - \$100 check
- 3rd place winners of each 4 divisions - \$50 check

- 1st place winner of CAD division - \$50 check
- 1st place winner of International division - \$50 check

The 1st Place/Overall winning poster will be used to promote the National School Bus Safety Week in 2019.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM:

**DO NOT PLACE THIS FORM ON THE FRONT OF THE POSTER
DISPLAY ON THE BACK ONLY**

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| 2019 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM |
| Please complete and attach this form to the back of each poster in accordance with poster specifications noted in the contest rules. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY |
| Student Name: _____ |
| Grade: _____ Age: _____ Division: _____ |
| USD Number: _____ School Name: _____ |
| School Address: _____ |
| City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ |
| Teacher's Name: _____ |
| Teacher's Phone Number: _____ |
| Student's Home Address: _____ |
| City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ |
| Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ |
| This form must be completed in its entirety and attached to the back of the poster |