

2023 – 2024 TAPT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY POSTER CONTEST GUIDELINES

The Texas Association for Pupil Transportation (TAPT) enjoys the opportunity to conduct the Texas School Bus Safety Poster Contest and to take part each year in the National School Bus Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT).

The purpose of this event is to promote school bus safety and offer opportunities for students to receive small scholarships and school board recognition.

Who May Enter the TAPT School Bus Safety Poster Contest:

- Any student enrolled in a public, parochial, or private elementary, middle, junior, or high school in the State of Texas, and
- The Director of Transportation for the school district must be a current member of TAPT.

Poster Theme:

Every poster and slogan must harmonize with the 2023-2024 poster contest theme as presented by the National Association for Pupil Transportation. Napt.org

Driving Safely Into the Future

Contestants must illustrate the above theme only. The theme on the poster must be exactly as shown above, to ***include all punctuation***.

Poster Specifications:

- The completed poster size must be 11" x 17".
- Posters may be illustrated on the vertical or horizontal axis.
- Designs should be submitted on quality tag, poster illustration board or heavy paper. Construction paper may be used but winning entries must be mounted on quality tag poster.
- Lamination is 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.
- Wood, plastic, glass, or metal should not be part of the poster.
- Collage materials should not be used.
- Glued on pieces will disqualify the poster.
- The drawing may not identify the school, district or student name in any way and may be cause for disqualification.

Lettering and Drawing:

- The poster design may incorporate freehand 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.
- Cut paper / stencils (freehand or pre-drawn stick-on stencils) are not permitted and will disqualify the poster.

Poster designs may not incorporate any copyrighted characters (i.e., comic and/or television characters), photographs, and magazine or newspaper illustrations.

- 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 on the poster.

The attached Contact Information form **MUST** be securely fastened to the back of the Poster **Please print information clearly so that we may notify the winners appropriately.**

Do not place name, school, etc., on the front of the poster.

Display information on the back only.

An art instructor or art teacher should supervise all work.

When Can Posters Be Drawn?

- Posters can be drawn anytime between **October 2, 2023 through Regional TAPT Chapter Meeting Dates. (Check with your District Transportation Department Director.)**
- All Posters must be completed and the First Place winning posters (voted on the district level) from each Division must be submitted to the Transportation Director before the January or February TAPT Chapter Meeting.
- **Check with the Transportation Department for the date of the chapter meeting that the Poster Voting will take place.**
- The Transportation Director will deliver the Posters to the Regional Chapter Meeting at which the members will vote on which posters will proceed to the State level for voting.
- **Each Chapter meets at different times – some as early as the first week of the month.**

Contest Deadline: All Posters must be received from the Chapters in the TAPT Office by **March 18, 2024.**

ALL POSTERS MUST HAVE THE COMPLETED FORM PROVIDED BELOW TAPED TO THE BACK OF THE POSTER IN ORDER TO BE NOTIFIED.

School Districts may enter one (1) First place poster from each Division to the Regional Chapters for voting. These posters must be delivered to your School District Transportation Director so that he/she may deliver them to the January or February TAPT Regional Chapter Meeting for voting.

Divisions:

- Division #1 - Grades K-2
- Division #2 - Grades 3-5
- Division #3 - Grade 6-8
- Division #4 - Special Education (Grades K-12)
- Division #5 - CAD (Computer Aided Drawing). *Please Note: Division #5 - CAD entries are eligible for competition within those respective divisions but are not eligible to be the Overall Contest Winner.*

All posters and related intellectual property become the property of TAPT and the National Association for Pupil Transportation upon receipt and are not returned to the artist, his/her parents / legal guardians, art instructor or art teacher, school, state or contest sponsor, or any other person(s) claiming a right, title, or other interest in the poster. Posters that have been used for any promotional purposes may not be submitted.

NOTE: Save your posters digitally –

We encourage schools/teachers to take photos of each poster before you submit them for your own records.

ONLY the Winning posters will be posted to the TAPT.com website.

Chapters may post their winning posters on the individual Regional chapter websites.

REGIONAL CHAPTER DEADLINE:

Local TAPT Affiliated Chapters will vote on these posters during the **January or February meeting** - depending on when they meet and consideration should be given to the time needed for the posters to be mailed and received in the TAPT Office in Kemah, Texas by **March 18, 2024.**

Chapters that cover more than one Region will vote on posters **from each Region** and submit First Place winning posters from each region and for each Division. Posters should be posted by Region for voting and each Region should have first, second and third place winners.

To locate information for your local affiliated chapter, please contact your District's Transportation Director or go to www.tapt.com website under the home tab. Or contact Marisa@tapt.com

First place winners from each Region/Chapter must be mailed to the TAPT office by: March 18, 2024, to qualify for state level voting.

TAPT School Bus Safety Poster Contest

PO Box 488

Kemah, Texas 77565

STATE LEVEL JUDGING: TAPT ACTIVE level Members will **vote on-line** between March 25 and 29 to select the state level winning posters.

The state level winning posters will be posted at www.tapt.com after April 1st.

The "First Place" winning posters for each Division must be mailed and received at NAPT Headquarters by **April 22, 2024.**

National Contest Infrastructure:

The National School Bus Safety Poster Contest is sponsored each year by National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT).

Each participating US state, Canadian province, or overseas US military installation may submit one (only *first-place* winners) winning poster in each of the following categories:

- **Division #1** - Grades K-2
- **Division #2** - Grades 3-5
- **Division #3** - Grade 6-8

- **Division #4** - Special Education (Grades K-12)
- **Division #5** - CAD (Computer Aided Drawing).

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Judging:

Criteria for the selection of award-winning posters are:

- Relationship of the poster design to the school bus safety practices. (Safety Impact)
- Originality of the poster and how the idea is expressed in the poster design. (Originality)
- Artwork and its execution. (Artistic Quality)
- Visual impact of the poster design. (Visual Impact)
- The National School Bus Safety Week (NSBSW) Committee has the right to disqualify any entry that does not comply with all contest requirements.

Prizes for winners will be awarded are as follow:

- 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 – CAD division \$ 50 check

The 1st Place / Overall National School Bus Safety winning poster will be used to promote National School Bus Safety Week which is always the third week of October. Napt.org

For more information, please contact Poster@tapt.com.

THE ATTACHED FORM MUST BE TAPED TO THE BACK OF EACH POSTER SO THAT WE MAY SUCCESSFULLY CONTACT THE TEACHERS OF THE WINNING STUDENTS. THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES!!

Important Dates:

October 2, 2024 – Contest begins.

By December 1 – Check with your Transportation Director to see when the Regional Chapter will vote on Posters.

January or February – Posters voted on at the Regional Chapter level

March 18, 2024 – All Posters must be received in the TAPT Office.

March 25 – Online voting for state level posters begins.

March 29 – Online voting ends.

After April 1 – TAPT will announce the winners and post the posters at tapt.com.

April 22, 2024 – All posters must be received at the NAPT Headquarters

October 2024 – The winning poster will represent National School Bus Safety Week

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This completed form below MUST be secured to the back of the student's poster.

This information must be submitted for proper notification of winners.
Please go to TAPT.com for winning posters after April 1. Events TAB.

Go to NAPT.org for National Winning Poster announcements early Summer. Napt.org.

TAPT and the National Association for Pupil Transportation will also post on Facebook.

Thank you for participating and promoting school bus safety!

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. This form must be securely attached to the BACK of the Poster.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Full Name: _____

District Name: _____ City: _____

Teacher Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Teacher email: _____

District website: _____

Transportation Director Name: _____

Transportation Director Email: _____

Superintendent Name: _____

Region ESC: _____ Poster Division: _____

Parent/Guardian name and cell phone number: _____

Other Contact Info: _____