

# Missouri Association for Pupil Transportation 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual School Bus Driver Safety Competition

**PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE BOOKLET CAREFULLY**

The 2026 safety competition will be held at

**JACKSON R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT  
June 18-19, 2026 --- Thursday & Friday**

*Indoor Events: South Elementary, 1701 S. Hope Street, Jackson, MO  
Driving Events: Jackson High School, 315 S. Missouri Street, Jackson, MO*

**Please read the attached book and copy as needed so all participants can properly prepare.**

**Special Note for Commemorative T-Shirts: Register by May 15, 2026 to guarantee your Commemorative Safety Competition T-Shirt! Late registrations may not include a T-shirt, so don't miss out!**

Competition Fees: **Early Bird: February 1 – May 15, 2026**

Contestants:	\$30.00 per Contestant or \$90.00 per three-person team.
Judges:	No fee
Companion	\$25.00

**Normal: May 15 – June 18, 2026**

Contestants:	\$45.00 per Contestant or \$135.00 per three-person team.
Judges:	No fee
Companion	\$40.00

***NOTE: Districts & Contractors without paid MAPT membership must include payment of \$70.00 for MOAPT Membership fee in addition to above-reference competition registration fees.***

**On-Line Registration Link:**

[https://www.cognitoforms.com/MissouriAssocForPupilTransportation/\\_2026SchoolBusSafetyCompetition](https://www.cognitoforms.com/MissouriAssocForPupilTransportation/_2026SchoolBusSafetyCompetition)

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Please encourage your drivers to compete; encourage employees not competing to lend support by attending and cheering for your team.

*Please copy this book for your contestants to use.*

## RULES AND SPECIFIC INFORMATION

**This competition celebrates the skills, knowledge, and dedication of daily route drivers.**

- ❖ To ensure fairness, **only regular daily drivers** are eligible to compete.
  - ❖ Drivers who serve in a **secondary or backup role as part of their ancillary duties** are ineligible to compete but are encouraged to participate as **judges or companions**.
  - ❖ This approach ensures a level playing field and gives well-deserved recognition to individuals whose daily role is the safe transportation of Missouri schoolchildren.
- Any school district, school bus contractor, or other organization engaged in the transportation of school children may register drivers for the competition .
  - To enter and qualify as a contestant, an individual:
    - ❖ Must be employed by a pupil transportation entity (school district, private contractor, etc.)
    - ❖ Must not have had a chargeable accident in the last 12 months.
    - ❖ Must be currently employed in Missouri and meet school bus driver qualifications.
    - ❖ Must hold a valid Class B CDL License with BOTH Passenger & School Bus endorsements.

**NOTE: Drivers are required to wear covered-toe and heel shoes during competition events.  
Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the competition.**

1. Each district is permitted to register three teams or a total of nine (9) contestants.
2. The competition will be separated into two divisions:
  - a. “Rookie Division” – **have not** previously participated in any state or national safety competition.
  - b. “Experienced Division” – **have** previously participated in a state or national safety competition in either classification (Transit or Conventional).
3. Competition Awards:

### Individual Awards

1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded medals in each of the following categories:

- \***Rookie Transit**
- \***Rookie Conventional**
- \***Experienced Transit**
- \***Experienced Conventional**

### Team Awards

- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams will be awarded plaques.
- ❖ The 1<sup>st</sup> place team will be awarded the traveling trophy from the previous year’s 1<sup>st</sup> place team, when possible. The 1<sup>st</sup> place team will receive their plaque the following year when they award the traveling trophy to the winning team.
- ❖ The 1<sup>st</sup> place team is responsible for placing their info plate on the traveling trophy.
- ❖ In the event the 1<sup>st</sup> place team wins three years consecutively, the travelling trophy will be permanently awarded to them and a new travelling trophy will be ordered.
- ❖ A team may include drivers from both divisions and classification, as noted on the application.
- ❖ Contestants **MUST** specify their team composition prior to the start of the event. If a district or contractor does not have enough participants for a team, they may still compete for individual trophies.

4. Only employees of supervisors who are members of the MOAPT are eligible to participate in the Safety Competition. To join MOAPT, go to [www.moapt.org](http://www.moapt.org)
5. Equipment/Buses: A contestant may compete in a conventional or transit bus. The size and type of bus (including air brakes) used at the competition is at the discretion of the Safety Competition Committee.
6. Prior to the driving competition, all contestants may participate in a chaperoned walk through to help familiarize themselves with the Safety Competition Course. Contestants will **not** be allowed to ask questions at this time. Contestants should direct questions to their own transportation supervisor before the day of the competition.
7. During the driving competition, a contestant will be allowed one (1) attempt to complete each station unless otherwise specified by the committee.
8. In case of tie scores, actual scores or measurements from stations will be considered to break the tie in the following order:
  - a. Stop line – closest to the line.
  - b. Parallel Parking – score measurement.
9. Order of Competition: The order of competition will be determined by the Safety Competition Chairperson.
10. During the Safety Competition, the contest rules shall apply (even if they differ from the rules and regulations of the various districts/contractors).
11. Each competing district/contractor may request a computer-generated sheet of scores for all events and all drivers. NOTE: Individual written test and score sheets will not be released.
12. Failure to follow competition rules will result in the contestant being disqualified from the event during which the violation occurred, which includes any misconduct on the part of any participant or spectator, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - Unprofessional behavior
  - Speeding and/or unsafe driving
  - Smoking on the course (**Smoking is NOT allowed on school property. Contestants, judges, guests, etc., must leave school property to smoke.**)
  - Knowingly accepting signals from anyone (Automatic Disqualification). All spectators must stay in designated areas.
  - Putting the head out of the bus window.
  - Mirror adjustments to see the ground. Note: Mirrors may ONLY be adjusted to provide the driver's vision normally required for safely operating the vehicle and getting the maximum field of vision.
  - Failure of the driver to properly wear the seat belt during the competition.
  - Eating or drinking while driving in the competition.
  - Preventable accidents in the previous 12 months or any time during the competition, both on or off the course.

**NOTE: Cell phones/mobile electronic devices (including smart watches) must be turned off during all testing portions of the competition**

13. Each contestant will be given adequate time (maximum of 1 minute) to familiarize themselves with the instruments and controls of the bus prior to operation of the vehicle.
14. Competition vehicles will have all rear windows covered.
15. **Grievance Procedures:** Contestants **must immediately** contact a competition representative at the finish line if they feel that an interference or problem affected their competition. If it is confirmed and the competitor's score in the event mentioned was affected, determination will be made by the Chairperson as to whether a re-run for that event will be allowed. If a re-run is granted, an official of the competition shall escort the competitor directly to the event involved. The re-run will be the score used for the competition. The determination by the competition officials will be deemed final.

## Vehicle Information

### **Tentative Bus Info – Subject to Change**

Details may change based on bus availability at the time of the event.

### **Transit**

- Length: 40'
- Width: 8'
- Width Dual Wheels: 26"
- Year: 2026
- Capacity: 83 passengers
- Brake: Hydraulic
- Blue Bird
- Body: Blue Bird

### **Conventional**

- Length: 41' - 6"
- Width: 8' - 3"
- Width Dual Wheels: 2' - 1"
- Year: 2024
- Capacity: 77 passengers
- Brake: Hydraulic
- Chassis: IC
- Body: IC

### **International School Bus Safety Competition Information**

MOAPT will provide up to \$600 in travel assistance (to the international competition) for the overall **winner** of the **Transit and Conventional Divisions**. **(NOTE: Winners must finish in the top 10 of all categories to qualify)**

## SAFETY COMPETITION EVENTS

Each of the following sections includes the title of the event, the purpose of the event, a description of the course, special instructions, and the scoring and judging procedures. The better the contestants understand this information, the more successful they are likely to be in competition. The sequence of events in this publication is not necessarily the sequence of events of the actual Safety Competition.

### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE/VEHICLE INSPECTION TEST (New Process)

(30 minutes time limit) Total Possible Score: 200 points

**PURPOSE OF TEST:** There are many laws, rules and regulations with which a school bus driver must become thoroughly familiar and which he must faithfully observe. These laws, rules and regulations were established as a result of years of study and experience. Contestants for the School Bus Safety Competition are encouraged to study the following sources:

- **First Aid/CPR/AED for the workplace workbook** ([https://moapt.org/images/downloads/first\\_aid\\_cpr\\_aed\\_student\\_manual.pdf](https://moapt.org/images/downloads/first_aid_cpr_aed_student_manual.pdf))
- **Missouri Driver's Guide** (<https://dor.mo.gov/driver-license/issuance/commercial/>) **You can download this from the Missouri Dept of Revenue [Web-site](#).**
- **Missouri Commercial Driver License Manual** (<https://dor.mo.gov/driver-license/issuance/commercial/>) **You can download this from the Missouri Dept. of Revenue [Web-site](#)**

The purpose of this test is to determine the extent of the contestant's familiarity with these important guidelines of safe driving.

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

The written test is composed of a combination of 50 essay, true/false or multiple-choice questions. All questions are based on the publications mentioned above and on common sense. Contestants will have 45 minutes to complete the test. Example of the general type that will be used:

- Example 1: Smoking is permitted on a school bus when no students are on board. True/False
- Example 2: A stop sign means:
- A. Slow down to at least 10 mph
  - B. Slow down to at least 5 mph
  - C. Proceed cautiously if there is no traffic with 100 yards
  - D. Come to a complete stop

Testing processes:

- Contestants will receive a test and a separate score sheet.
- Tests must remain **face down** until the facilitator gives the signal to begin.
- Once signaled, contestants may turn over their tests and start.
- All testing will stop when the **allotted time** ends

For Contestants Receiving a Read-Aloud Test:

- A designated reader will read the test **word for word**—no explanations or hints.
- The reader may repeat each question **once** if a contestant requests it.
- Contestants must follow along on their own copy of the test.
- The same time limit applies as the written test.
- No talking or discussing answers—only the reader may speak.
- Contestants must mark their own score sheets.

## **PREPARATION TO DRIVE**

The driver should adjust seats and mirrors and become familiar with the equipment before starting the course. The seat belt shall be properly worn at all times during the competition. The Chief Starter for the competition will allow up to a maximum of six (6) minutes for the contestants to become familiar with the vehicle.

Mirrors can only be adjusted to provide the driver vision that would normally be required for safely operating the vehicle and getting the maximum field of vision. Mirror adjustments to see the ground only are **not** allowed. Start line judges will only provide mirror adjustments and operational instructions.

# OFFSET ALLEY TEST

Maximum Score: 50 points

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**PURPOSE OF THE TEST:** This test is designed to evaluate a driver's ability to handle his or her bus under actual or simulated driving conditions. An offset alley is set up to determine the contestant's ability to drive his bus through two offset lanes with a minimum of hesitation and without touching the barriers.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Two sets of parallel barriers, 10 feet long are set up ten feet apart. The right-hand barrier of the first set is placed in a direct line with the left-hand barrier of the second set (the offset barriers). The distance between the sets of barriers will be the length of the bus plus five feet.

**SCORING:** Five demerits will be assessed for each instance of stopping the forward motion of the bus while proceeding through the offset alley. Five demerits will be assessed if the contestant opens the door while the bus is in motion. The contestant will be disqualified (assessed 50 demerits) if the bus is backed up at any time during the event or exceeds **4 minutes** from the time the front bumper of the bus first passes the first stanchion. The contestant must have the rear bumper past the last stanchion within **2 minutes**.

All barriers in the offset alley will be of equal value:

<i>Barrier A</i>	<i>7 Demerits</i>
<i>Barrier B</i>	<i>7 Demerits</i>
<i>Barrier C</i>	<i>7 Demerits</i>
<i>Barrier D</i>	<i>7 Demerits</i>
<i>Barrier E</i>	<i>7 Demerits</i>
<i>Barrier F</i>	<i>7 Demerits</i>

## RAILROAD CROSSING TEST

Maximum Score: 50 points

**PURPOSE OF TEST:** The railroad crossing represents one of the greatest hazards insofar as mass casualties or fatalities are concerned. The contestant must be knowledgeable of laws, rules and regulations required to operate a school bus across railroad tracks.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** A simulated railroad crossing will be established. The layout will be as follows:

1. A sixty-foot roadway that crosses one parallel set of tracks.
2. A railroad crossing sign will be placed in the proper position at the right side of the roadway.

**SCORING:** A contestant's knowledge of Missouri State laws and regulations will be judged from the time the contestant approaches the crossing until reaching the other side of the crossing. Contestants will be checked on use of directional signals, mirrors, stopping the bus, opening the door and window, checking track, driving across the railroad tracks, etc. While most violations charged in this and other tests are violations of fixed laws and regulations, some are based on generally accepted safe driving procedures.

The following procedures for school bus drivers at railroad grade crossings are listed as a guideline and taken from recommended **national standards**:

1. The driver of any school bus, whether carrying passengers or not, must, before crossing any track or tracks of a railroad, bring the bus to a full and complete stop not less than fifteen feet or more than fifty feet from the rail nearest the front of the bus.
2. When drivers are making stops for railroad crossings, they shall carefully observe traffic and reduce speed far enough in advance to avoid trapping other motorists in panic stops or rear-end collisions with the bus. On multiple lane roadways, no such stops shall be made in the center or left-hand lanes.
3. No special signs, signals or flashers designated for use on school buses shall be activated while the bus is stopped or stopping for this purpose. Note: The option to activate hazard lights or four way flashers is at the discretion of the transportation agency.
4. The driver, when stopped, shall fully open the service door, and must, after the stop and while so stopped, listen and look in both directions along the track or tracks for approaching engines, trains, or cars. Upon resumption of motion, the service door must be closed.
5. If the view of the track or tracks, for a distance of one thousand feet in either direction is not clear or is obstructed in any way, no portion of the bus may be propelled onto the tracks until, by personal inspection, the driver has made certain that no train is approaching. In no instance may a signal indicating safety be considered as conclusive or serve to abrogate this precaution.
6. Drivers shall, in every instance; cross in such gear that will not necessitate changing gears while traversing such crossing and shall not, under any circumstances, shift gears while actually crossing tracks or railroad crossings.
7. In the event that a train has passed over the crossing, no bus driver shall drive the bus onto the track or tracks until such train has sufficiently cleared the crossing so that the driver is certain that no train, hidden by the first train, is approaching on an adjacent track.
8. For improved vision and hearing, a window at the driver's left should be opened and all noisy equipment (fans, etc.) should be off until the bus has cleared the crossing.

International allows 15 seconds for this event

## **STRAIGHT LINE**

Maximum Score: 50 points

**PURPOSE OF TEST:** To determine the driver's ability to maneuver the right wheels of a school bus over a straight path of a given width.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Right wheels of the bus must travel the path without striking or moving the markers with any wheel. Bus must be operated in a continuous forward motion. The distance between the markers is the width of dual wheels plus (3) inches. **4 sets of rear wheel markers will be used (tennis balls)**

**SCORING:** Points will be deducted for stopping during the event, touching or knocking marker off, backing during event, or driving to either side of the markers.

## **DIMINISHING CLEARANCE TEST**

Maximum Score: 50 points

**PURPOSE OF TEST:** In this test, the contestant is required to drive the bus in a straight line with diminishing clearances and also to drive in a smooth and continuous manner.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** For the purpose of conducting this test, five pairs of parallel standards will be set up. Each pair of standards, however, will be parallel to the next. The distance between each pair of standards will be twenty-five feet. The width of each pair will vary, as follows:

Beginning at the start of this test, the width of the first pair of standards will be equal to the widest part of the bus plus 10 inches.

The width of the second pair of standards will be as above, except plus 8 inches. The width of the third pair of standards will be as above except plus 6 inches.

The width of the fourth pair of standards will be as above except plus 4 inches. The width of the fifth pair of standards will be as above except plus 2 inches

The contestant will be expected to proceed through this lane in a smooth and continuous manner without touching any of the marker standards.

**SCORING:** Two (2) demerits will be given for each instance of jerky or uneven movement (with a maximum of 10 demerits). Two (2) demerits will be charged for each instance of stopping the forward motion of the bus (with a maximum of 10 demerits). Ten (10) demerits will be given for each instance of touching a marker standard.

## BACK UP TEST

Maximum Score: 50 points

*Please note: Rear Windows will be covered*

INSTRUCTIONS AND SCORING: Each stall (or bay) is identified by parallel white lines on the pavement the width of the bus, plus 2 feet apart. Each front corner will be marked by upright standards that will not interfere with the backing of the bus. In order to limit the contestant to established maneuvering room, a front wheel limitation line will be placed on the pavement perpendicular to the parallel stall marker lines. The approach to the back-up stall will be made from the right-hand side only. The distance from the front stall standards to the wheel limitation line will be as follows:

- Transit: Length of the bus plus 1 foot
- Conventional: Length of the bus plus 4 feet

Each contestant will be permitted one back up before demerits will be charged for excessive backing. Five demerits will be given for each instance of backing more than once. Upon completion of the test, the bus should be parked as nearly in the center of the ten-foot stall as possible (both ends of the bus). **Depth Perception is tested by penalizing the driver for backing too close or not close enough to the rear barrier. Demerits will be assessed for being parked forward of or behind the 1 foot free zone and each 6" or fraction thereof.** A maximum of four minutes will be allowed for this event. Note: Hazard lights are optional. There is a **3 minute time** limit on this event from the time the front bumper passes the first upright standard. The bus must be parked in the stall, parking brake set and horn sounded within the **four-minute** time limit.

## ELEMENTARY STUDENT LOADING Maximum Score: 25 points

PURPOSE OF TEST: This test is designed not only to evaluate a contestant's alertness while in the process of loading and unloading elementary pupils, but also to determine his/her ability to remember and perform several other quite important functions incidental to such loading. Such items include the proper use of mirrors and the special school bus lighting system.

INSTRUCTIONS: Stop to load students using the proper technique for loading students while the bus is stopping in the lane of traffic. You will be judged for mirror use before and after the stop, proper timing in opening and closing the door. The driver should stop at least six feet from simulated student. Please see scoring sheet for more detailed information.

SCORING: Four (4) demerits will be given for each of the following: no mirror check before stop; bus not in center of lane; door open before stop; foot not on brake while stopped; moving before closing door; no mirror check before starting up again. Twenty-five (25) demerits will be given for failure to open the service door. The total demerits given will not exceed 25.

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## **STOP LINE TEST**

Maximum Score: 35 Points

**PURPOSE OF TEST:** This test is designed to determine the contestant's depth perception, his ability to use cross-view mirror and his ability to bring his bus to a smooth, complete stop.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** A stop line four feet long will be established at the end of a straight line. The contestant will be expected to bring his bus to a complete stop as close to the stop line as possible. Only one stop can be made. The contestant should approach the stop line at safe, appropriate speed. The contestant will place the bus in neutral with parking brake on and sound horn upon completion of stopping maneuver.

**SCORING:** If the bus goes over the stop line, 35 demerits will be given. Measurement will be taken from the front surface of the middle of the front bumper to the edge of the line closest to the bus. The bus is expected to stop within two inches of the stop line. Three (3) demerits will be charged for each two (2) inches or fraction thereof that the bus exceeds this tolerance after being brought to the final stop.

## **RIGHT TURN EVENT**

Maximum Score: 50 points

**PURPOSE OF TEST:** This test determines the contestant 's ability to properly position the bus and to prepare for and execute a right-hand turn without touching the curb or excessively encroaching on the adjacent traffic lanes.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The layout for the test includes: a right turn sign, a visible curbing line representing a typical street corner, a parallel reference line, a demerit zone for scoring purposes (one at the beginning and one at the end of the arc of the corner) and a corner arc on a 17-foot radius. The driver should approach the corner and turn on the right directional signal at least 100 feet from the turn as required by law. The contestant shall position the bus in the turn lane in order to execute the right turn without touching the curb line and with the least amount of lane encroachment possible on both streets. The point at which the turn is begun is determined by the driver's judgment of the relationship of the bus to the corner, while compensating for the "off track" position of the rear wheels, which increases with the wheelbase of the bus during a turn.

**SCORING:** Scoring is based on the method in which the driver enters and recovers from the turn. If any tire touches the curb line at any time during this test, 50 demerits will be charged.

**International allows 15 seconds for this event**

## PARALLEL PARKING

Maximum Score 50 points

Purpose of the test: This event is designed to evaluate the contestant's ability to park the bus parallel to a curb without touching barriers placed at both ends of the parking area, without touching the curb, and the vehicle parked within 18 inches of the curb. It is also designed to judge the contestant's ability to drive the bus out of the parking area without touching the barriers or the curb. Measurement will be taken at the rear dual vehicles. On conventional buses front measurement will be taken in front of the service door. On transit buses the front measurement will be taken from the front wheels.

Instruction: Paint or rope will represent the curb. Two barriers will be set at right angles to the curb line, extended out eight feet from the curb. The distance between the barriers will be:

- Transit: Length of bus plus 8 feet
- Conventional: Length of bus plus 9 ft

Scoring: The higher of the two measurements will determine how close the bus is parked to the curb line, and will be used for determining the number of demerits to be charged. This is a timed event. The contestant is **allowed 4 minutes** from the time the front bumper of the bus first passes the rear barrier approach. The contestant must have the bus parked and sound the horn within **3 minutes**.

Backing in: The contestant will be permitted to back twice before demerits are charged

Pulling out: The contestant will be permitted to back twice before demerits are charged.

***Please see the score sheet for the rest of scoring info.***

## CURB LINE EVENT

Maximum Score 25 points

Purpose of the test: To develop a driver's skill in pulling close to the curb within a limited distance in a forward movement. Backing into a space is not allowed.

Instruction: The course will be set up to simulate a limited curb length between parked cars. The contestant will activate the turn signal and pull close to the curb with both front and rear tires, without hitting the curb. There should be enough distance ahead of the bus to pull away from the curb without having to back up. Use your left turn signal and left-hand mirror before pulling back into traffic.

Scoring: Fifteen demerits will be given for failure to use right turn signal, and fifteen demerits will be given for failure to use left turn signal. Twenty-five demerits will be given for backing up or for hitting the curb. For each 6" inches or portion thereof that the rear dual wheels are away from the curb, five demerits will be given. The total demerits will not exceed 25.

Transit: The position of the tire, both front and rear in relation to the curb

Conventional: The position of the rear tire and area of the body just behind the entrance door in relation to the curb

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## SUMMARY OF SCORES

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CONTESTANT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM LETTER \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR \_\_\_\_\_

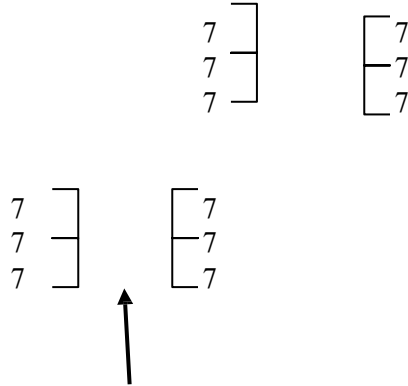
STATION EARNED	POSSIBLE	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS
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1.	GENERAL KNOWLEDGE/VEHICLE INSPECTION TEST	200	
2.	SURPRISE TEST	25	
4.	OFFSET	50	
5.	RAILROAD	50	
6.	STRAIGHT LINE	50	
7.	DIMINISHING CLEARANCE	50	
8.	BACK UP	50	
9.	STUDENT PICK UP	25	
10.	RIGHT TURN	50	
11.	PARALLEL PARK	50	
12.	STOP LINE	35	
13.	Curb Line	<u>25</u>	
TOTAL POSSIBLE		660	
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# OFFSET ALLEY

**TIMED EVENT**

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ MAXIMUM SCORE 50 POINTS

Circle each barrier touched or bumped.



Total for each arm touched (not more than 50 demerits) \_\_\_\_\_

Opens door during event 5 demerits 5 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Check each instance of stopping 5 5 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Backs bus during event 50 Demerits 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Exceeds **2 minute time limit** 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Failure to have headlights on or to properly wear seatbelt 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL SCORE KEEPERS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICIAL SCORE ROOM ONLY

MAXIMUM

TOTAL  
CONTESTANT POINTS  
DEMERITS  
SCORE

50

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score room initials \_\_\_\_\_

# RAILROAD CROSSING

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MAXIMUM POINTS 50

	DEDUCT	DEMERITS
FAILURE TO CHECK LEFT OUTSIDE MIRROR	5	_____
FAILURE TO CHECK RIGHT OUTSIDE MIRROR	5	_____
FAILURE TO CHECK INSIDE REARVIEW MIRROR	5	_____
STOPS CLOSER THAN 15 FEET FROM TRACKS	15	_____
STOPS FURTHER THAN 50 FEET FROM TRACKS	10	_____
FAILURE TO OPEN DOOR	10	_____
FAILURE TO OPEN WINDOW, SHUT OFF ALL NOISY EQUIPMENT, ETC.	10	_____
FAILURE TO CHECK UP AND DOWN THE TRACKS	25	_____
IMPROPER USE OF SCHOOL BUS FLASHING LIGHTS <sup>(8 ways)</sup>	10	_____
FAILURE TO KEEP BUS IN LOW GEAR WHILE CROSSING THE TRACKS	10	_____
FAILURE TO CLOSE DOOR BEFORE CROSSING TRACKS	5	_____
FAILURE TO CHECK LEFT OUTSIDE MIRROR	5	_____
FAILURE TO CHECK RIGHT OUTSIDE MIRROR	5	_____
FAILURE TO CHECK INSIDE REARVIEW MIRROR	5	_____
FAILURE TO CANCEL SIGNAL	5	_____
FAILURE TO HAVE HEADLIGHTS ON OR TO PROPERLY WEAR SEATBELT	50 Demerits	_____

OFFICIAL SCORE KEEPERS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

===== OFFICIAL SCORE ROOM

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MAXIMUM		TOTAL	
		CONTESTANT POINTS	
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## STRAIGHT LINE

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ MAXIMUM SCORE 50

POINTS CIRCLE EACH INSTANCE OF JERKY OR UNEVEN MOVEMENT OF  
THE BUS

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CIRCLE EACH INSTANCE OF STOPPING FORWARD MOTION OF THE BUS

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CIRCLE EACH INSTANCE WHERE A BUS TOUCHES OR KNOCKS MARKER OFF

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(MAXIMUM 40 DEMERITS) \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVES TO EITHER SIDE OF PAIR OF MARKERS

[10] [10] [10] [10] [10]

(MAXIMUM 50 DEMERITS) \_\_\_\_\_

BUS BACKS DURING EVENT [10] \_\_\_\_\_

FAILURE TO HAVE HEADLIGHTS ON OR TO  
PROPERLY WEAR SEATBELT [50] \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL SCORE KEEPERS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDGES DO NOT TOTAL**

===== OFFICIAL SCORE

ROOM ONLY  
MAXIMUM  
POINTS

TOTAL  
DEMERITS

CONTESTANT  
SCORE

50 - \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

score room initials \_\_\_\_\_

# DIMINISHING CLEARANCE

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MAXIMUM SCORE 50 POINTS

CIRCLE EACH INSTANCE OF JERKY OR UNEVEN MOVEMENT

[2] [2] [2] [2] [2] (MAXIMUM 10 DEMERITS) \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE EACH INSTANCE OF STOPPING FORWARD MOTION

[2] [2] [2] [2] [2] (MAXIMUM 10 DEMERITS) \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE EACH INSTANCE OF BUS TOUCHING STANDARD

10 10

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10 10 (MAXIMUM 50 DEMERITS) \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER OPENS DOOR EACH OCCURRENCE (5 DEMERITS)

5 DEMERITS EACH TIME # OF TIMES OPENED \_\_\_\_\_

FAILURE TO HAVE HEADLIGHTS ON OR TO PROPERLY WEAR SEATBELT

50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL SCORE KEEPERS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## JUDGE DO NOT TOTAL

===== OFFICIAL SCORE ROOM  
USE ONLY

MAXIMUM	50	TOTAL	CONTESTANT	
POINTS		DEMERITS	S	
			SCORE	
50	-	_____	=	_____

score room initials \_\_\_\_\_

# BACK UP

**TIMED EVENT**

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ MAXIMUM SCORE 50 POINTS

TIRE TOUCHES WHEEL LIMITATION LINE (50 DEMERITS) \_\_\_\_\_

BUS TOUCHES FRONT UPRIGHT STANDARD(10 DEMERITS EA.)  
 [10] [10] [10] [10] [10] \_\_\_\_\_

TIRE TOUCHES STALL SIDE MARKERS (10 DEMERITS EACH)  
 [10] [10] [10] [10] [10] \_\_\_\_\_

BUS EXTENDS INTO OR OVER REAR BARRIER LINE  
 [50] (50 DEMERITS) \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER FAILED TO SET PARKING BRAKE AND HONK HORN TO BE JUDGED  
 [5] (5 DEMERITS) \_\_\_\_\_

BUS PARKED **FORWARD OF 1 FOOT FREE ZONE AND**  
 EACH 6" OR FRACTION THEREOF, MORE THAN 54" IS 50 DEMERITS

0-6	6-12	12-18	18-24	24-30	30-36	36-42	42-48	48-54	Over
								54"	
[5]	[10]	[15]	[20]	[25]	[30]	[35]	[40]	[45]	[50]

\_\_\_\_\_

BUS PARKED **Behind OF 1 FOOT FREE ZONE AND**  
 EACH 6" OR FRACTION THEREOF, MORE THAN 24" IS 50 DEMERITS

0-6"	6-12"	12-18"	18-24"	OVER
			24"	
[10]	[20]	[30]	[40]	[50]

\_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER OPENS DOOR AT IMPROPER TIME 5 DEMERITS EACH  
 [5] [5] [5] [5] [5] \_\_\_\_\_

Check each instance of backing more than once. 5 5 5 5  
 (contestant is not allowed any pull-ups after initial backup) \_\_\_\_\_

FAILURE TO HAVE HEADLIGHTS ON OR TO PROPERLY WEAR SEATBELT 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Exceeds **3 minute time Limit** 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICIAL SCORE ROOM ONLY

MAXIMUM SCORE	TOTAL DEMERITS	=	CONTESTANT SCORE
50	-		_____
			score room initials _____

## STUDENT PICKUP

CONTESTANT NUMBER _____		MAXIMUM SCORE 25 POINTS
NO MIRROR CHECK BEFORE STOP	(4 DEMERITS)	_____
FAILURE TO ACTIVATE AMBER LIGHTS	(4 DEMERITS)	_____
JERKY OR SUDDEN STOP	(4 DEMERITS)	_____
NOT IN CENTER OF LANE	(4 DEMERITS)	_____
DOOR OPEN BEFORE STOP	(4 DEMERITS)	_____
CLOSER THAN 6FT FROM STUDENT	(4 DEMERITS)	_____
FOOT NOT ON BRAKE WHILE STOPPED	(4 DEMERITS)	_____
TRANSMISSION NOT IN NEUTRAL	(4 DEMERITS)	_____
FAILURE TO SET PARKING BRAKE	(4 DEMERITS)	_____
MOVING BEFORE CLOSING DOOR	(4 DEMERITS)	_____
NO MIRROR CHECK BEFORE STARTING	(4 DEMERITS)	_____
FAILURE TO TURN OFF EIGHT WAY LIGHTS	(4 DEMERITS)	_____
FAILURE TO OPEN SERVICE DOOR	(25 DEMERITS)	_____
FAILURE TO HAVE HEADLIGHTS ON OR TO PROPERLY WEAR SEATBELT	(25 DEMERITS)	_____
OFFICIAL SCORE KEEPER SIGNATURE	_____	

===== OFFICIAL SCORE ROOM ONLY

MAXIMUM SCORE	-	TOTAL DEMERITS	=	CONTESTANT SCORE
25		_____		_____

score room initials \_\_\_\_\_

## STOP LINE

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ MAXIMUM SCORE 35 POINTS

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A PERFECT SCORE, THE BUS MUST STOP 2 INCHES OR LESS FROM THE STOP LINE, WITH ONE STOP. 3 DEMERITS WILL BE CHARGED FOR EACH 2 INCHES OR LESS THAT THE BUS EXCEEDS THIS TOLERANCE AFTER BEING BROUGHT TO A COMPLETE STOP.

MEASUREMENT		DEDUCT	
0 TO 2 INCHES _____		0 POINTS	_____
OVER 2 TO 4 INCHES _____		3 POINTS	_____
" 4 TO 6 INCHES _____		6 POINTS	_____
" 6 TO 8 INCHES _____		9 POINTS	_____
" 8 TO 10 INCHES _____		12 POINTS	_____
" 10 TO 12 INCHES _____		15 POINTS	_____
" 12 TO 14 INCHES _____		18 POINTS	_____
" 14 TO 16 INCHES _____		21 POINTS	_____
" 16 TO 18 INCHES _____		24 POINTS	_____
" 18 TO 20 INCHES _____		27 POINTS	_____
" 20 TO 22 INCHES _____		30 POINTS	_____
" 22 TO 24 INCHES _____		33 POINTS	_____
" 24 INCHES _____		35 POINTS	_____
STOPS WITH BUMPER BEYOND STOP LINE		DEDUCT 35 POINTS	_____
(MORE THAN ONE STOP 5 DEMERITS EACH)		[5] [5] [5] [5]	_____
FAILURE TO HAVE HEADLIGHTS ON OR TO PROPERLY WEAR SEATBELT		50 Demerits	_____

OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

===== OFFICIAL SCORE ROOM

ONLY MAXIMUM SCORE		TOTAL DEMERITS		CONTESTANT SCORE
35	-	_____	=	_____

score room initials \_\_\_\_\_

**RIGHT TURN**

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MAXIMUM SCORE 50

POINTS APPROACH TO TURN:

OR FAILURE TO ACTIVATE RIGHT DIRECTIONAL 15 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNAL FOR AT LEAST 100 FEET BEFORE TURN 15 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

IF TIRE TOUCHES CURBING 50 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

ENTERING TURN: ZONE 1

MARK OR NOTE THE ONE COLOR FARTHEST FROM THE PARALLEL LINE WHICH IS VISIBLE AT THE OUT-SIDE EDGE OF THE RIGHT REAR TIRE. DEDUCT AS FOLLOWS:

- YELLOW 10 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_
- GREEN 20 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_
- BLUE 30 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_
- RED 40 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_
- BLACK 50 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

RECOVERING FROM TURN: ZONE 2

MARK OR NOTE THE ONE COLOR FARTHEST FROM THE PARALLEL LINE WHICH IS VISIBLE AT THE OUT-SIDE EDGE OF THE RIGHT REAR TIRE.

DEDUCT AS FOLLOWS:

- YELLOW 10 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_
- GREEN 20 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_
- BLUE 30 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_
- RED 40 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_
- BLACK 50 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

10 DEMERITS FOR EACH STOP [10] [10] [10] [10] [10] \_\_\_\_\_  
(CIRCLE ONE FOR EACH STOP)

FAILURE TO HAVE HEADLIGHTS ON OR TO PROPERLY WEAR SEATBELT 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDGE DO NOT TOTAL**

===== OFFICIAL SCORE ROOM

ONLY			
MAXIMUM SCORE	TOTAL DEMERITS		CONTESTANT SCORE

50 - \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

score room initials \_\_\_\_\_

PARALLEL PARKING

**TIMED EVENT**

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ MAXIMUM SCORE 50 POINTS

FAILURE TO PERFORM CORRECT MIRROR CHECK 5  
 POINT MIRROR CHECK 25 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

Entering Parking Zone

Each instance of backing over 2 (5 demerits each)

(0) (0) (5) (10) (15) (20) (25) (maximum of 25 demerits) \_\_\_\_\_ Bus touches

any barrier 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Tire touches curb 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_ Parking

Highest of two measurements from curb

0-3 3-6 6-9 9-12 12-15 15-18 Over 18  
 (0) (3) (6) (9) (12) (15) (50) (Max is 50) Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Exiting Parking Zone

Each instance of backing over 2 (5 demerits each)

Actual  
Measurement

(0) (0) (5) (10) (15) (20) (25) (maximum of 25 demerits) \_\_\_\_\_

Bus touches any barrier 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Tire touches curb 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Failure to:

Park the bus and sound horn within **3 minutes** 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Keep the door closed during the event 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Activate directional signal 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Cancel Directional Signal 10 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Failure to have Headlights on or to properly wear seatbelt 50 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Demerits Maximum 50 \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL SCORE KEEPER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

===== OFFICIAL SCORE ROOM

ONLY					CONTESTAN
MAXIMUM		TOTAL			T
SCORE		DEMERITS			SCORE
50	-	_____	=	_____	

score room initials \_\_\_\_\_

## CURB LINE

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ MAXIMUM SCORE 25 POINTS

FAILURE TO PERFORM CORRECT MIRROR CHECK  
 POINT MIRROR CHECK 25 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

TIRE TOUCHES CURB 25 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

FAILURE TO COMPLETE EVENT 25 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

STRIKING FRONT OR REAR BARRIERS 25 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

BACKING DURING EVENT 25 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

FAILURE TO KEEP DOOR CLOSED DURING EVENT 25 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

FAILURE TO ACTIVATE RIGHT DIRECTIONAL SIGNAL 15 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

FAILURE TO ACTIVATE LEFT  
 DIRECTIONAL  
 WHILE PULLING OUT 15 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

FRONT MEASUREMENT MORE THAN 12" FROM CURB 5 DEMERITS \_\_\_\_\_

MEASUREMENT \_\_\_\_\_

EACH INCREMENT OVER 6" (REAR DUAL) FROM CURB

0 - 6	6 - 12	12 - 18	18 - 24	24 - 30	30 - 36	
0	5	10	15	20	25	_____

MEASUREMENT \_\_\_\_\_ (MAXIMUM 25 DEMERITS)

FAILURE TO HAVE HEADLIGHTS ON OR  
 TO PROPERLY WEAR SEATBELT 25 Demerits \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL SCORE KEEPER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

===== OFFICIAL SCORE ROOM

ONLY MAXIMUM SCORE	TOTAL DEMERITS	=	CONTESTAN T SCORE
25	-		_____
	_____		_____

score room initials \_\_\_\_\_