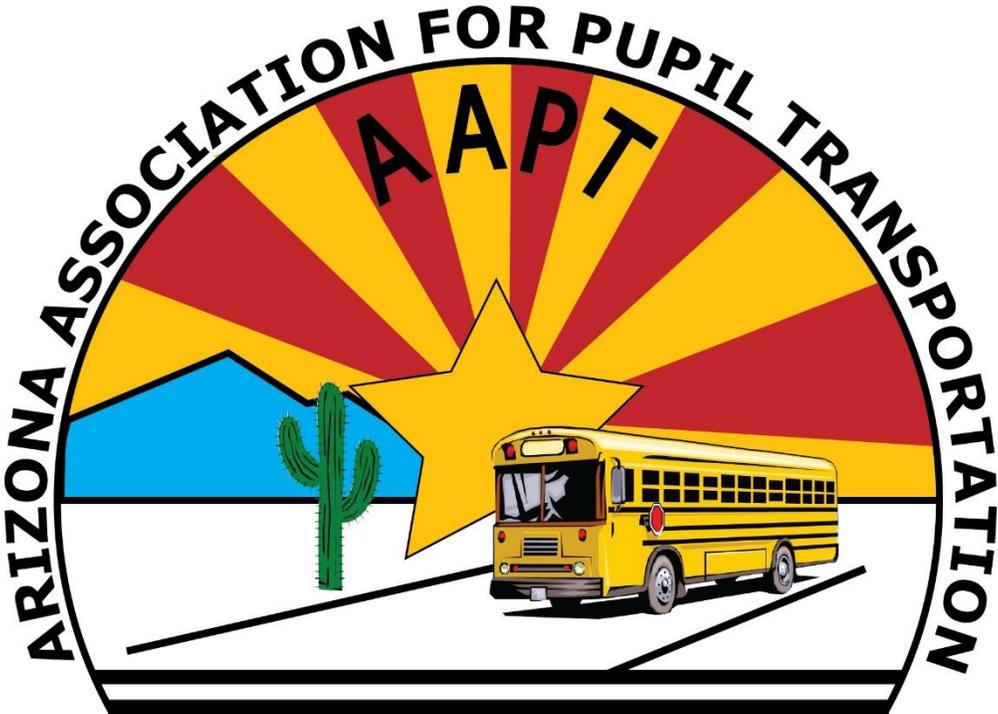


Arizona Association for Pupil Transportation  
2019 School Bus Safety Road-eo



Arizona State Fairgrounds  
March 9, 2019

## REGULATIONS:

Contestants are to report for the following competition activities:

- Registration 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. You must have all your credentials (First Aid-CPR, DOT physical card, Arizona School Bus Driver Certificate, Fingerprint card, and Driver's License) with you at registration or you will not be able to participate in the Road-eo.
  - Written Test 7:00 – 9:00 a.m
  - Walk Through –Course 8:30 a.m.
  - All Registered Road-eo Contestants must arrive by 10:00 AM in order to compete.
  - Awards Ceremony will be held at Heard Elementary School, 2301 W Thomas Rd (SW Corner of 23rd Ave & Thomas) doors open at 6:00 p.m. Awards will start at 6:30 p.m.
1. Contestants will be required to remain in the driver preparation area until called for competition. Drivers are not allowed on the course or adjacent to any of the events.
  2. In all events the doors must remained closed unless the rules of an event require the door to be opened.
  3. There will be no alcoholic beverages consumed on or around the Road-eo site by anyone. If a contestant is found to have consumed alcoholic beverages at any time during the day's events, they will be immediately disqualified.
  4. No smoking, eating or drinking beverages will be allowed during the driving competition.
  5. No Communication devices of any type will be allowed on the bus during competition or to be operated while driving on the course. (AM, FM, Disk Player, 2-way, CB, Cell phones, Bluetooth's etc.)
  6. All competitors are required to dress appropriately, including the Road-eo T-shirts and other attire in accordance with DPS Minimum Standards and in good taste. Footwear is important in safe operation of the vehicle, and must conform to minimum standards.
  7. No changes will occur on the course set-up once competition starts. However, the Competition Director may disqualify any event during competition and apply the point value equally to all contestants.
  8. Contestants are required to maintain proper driving position at all times while on board the bus. The proper driving position is being seated in the driver's seat with feet firmly

planted on the floor or foot controls. There will be a total disqualification from the event if any infraction of the above occurs.

9. Seat belts must be worn properly with the shoulder belt across the chest. Failure to wear the seat belt properly will disqualify the driver. Placement of the shoulder harness behind the driver is not permitted.
10. The contestant will not be permitted to put his or her head out of the bus window at any time.
11. Any contestant who knowingly accepts signals from anyone will be automatically disqualified. No one other than competition judges and officials are allowed on the course. Spectators are required to stay in spectator area and off of the course.
12. The decisions of the judges are final.
13. Each event has a particular purpose, instructions to be followed and methods of scoring. The actual score sheets will be annotated by the Road-eo staff and tabulated by the administrative staff. Please do not ask the administrative staff for your score prior to the end of the Road-eo. Test scores will be mailed upon request.
14. Road-eo contestants are required to use whatever rear view mirrors are furnished on the bus assigned as long as the mirrors are in accordance with state and federal regulations. Every effort will be made by the Road-eo staff to adjust mirrors to fit in a maximum of three minutes or one adjustment per mirror.
15. You must have all your credentials (First Aid-CPR, DOT physical card, Arizona School Bus Driver Certificate, Fingerprint card and Driver's License) or you will not be able to participate in the Road-eo.
16. All Contestants will be assigned to the next bus in line. There will be NO option on the style of bus you drive. "It will be luck of the draw" Buses could be Front or Rear Transit.
17. All competitors are reminded that you are representing your school district. Therefore, you are expected to conduct yourself in accordance with established standards. In addition, certain rules must be enforced at the Road-eo site. Remember, it is assumed that students are aboard the bus during all events. Any misconduct or unprofessional behavior may result in disqualification of a contestant.

## AAPT 2019 COMPETITION EVENTS

**WRITTEN TEST:** The purpose of the written test is to determine the contestant's familiarity with safe driving practices. The test includes questions on Arizona Laws, regulations and rules as well as information contained in the Commercial Driver's License manual. Almost every collision can be traced to the failure of the driver to abide by the rules of the road. Defensive driving is the key to being a successful school bus driver.

**MYSTERY EVENT:** This year's event will be, wait a minute, if I tell you it will not be a mystery. However, I can tell you this much, it could earn you an extra 50 points! So come on out and see what it is all about, you will have to try it to win. See ya!

**OFF SET ALLEY:** This event is designed to evaluate a driver's ability to handle the bus under actual, and simulated, driving conditions. An offset alley is set up to determine the contestant's ability to drive his/her bus through the offset lanes with a minimum of hesitation and without touching the barriers. **This is a timed event:** The contestant will be allowed two (2) minutes to complete the event. Time starts when the front bumper enters the first set of barricades and ends when the rear bumper exits the last set of barricades.

**CURB LINE PARK EVENT:** This event is designed to test the skills of the driver to make a loading or unloading maneuver that requires pulling into a curb parking zone that has a limited distance. **This is a timed event.** The contestant will have two (2) minutes from the time the front bumper of bus passes the rear barrier until the bus is properly parked and the horn is sounded.

**STOP LINE EVENT:** This test determines the contestant's depth perception, ability to use crossover mirrors and ability to bring the bus to a smooth complete stop. The contestant should bring the bus to a complete stop as close to the stop limit line as possible. Only one stop will be allowed.

**DIMINISHING CLEARANCE:** In this event, the driver is required to drive the bus in a straight line, in a smooth and continuous manner, through five pairs of standards, with each pair of standards diminishing clearance.

### **PARALLEL PARKING:**

This event is designed to evaluate the driver'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 within 18 inches of the curb. It is also designed to judge the drivers ability to drive the bus out of the parking area without touching the barriers or the curb. **This is a timed event.** The contestant is allowed three (3) minutes from the time the front bumper of the bus first passes the rear barrier of approach. The contestant must have the bus parked, set parking brake, and sound the horn within the three (3) minute limit.

**STRAIGHT LINE EVENT:**

To determine the driver’s ability to maneuver the right wheels of school bus over a straight path of a given width. The right wheels of the bus must travel the indicated path without striking or moving the markers with any wheel. The bus must be operated in a continuous forward motion.

**RAILROAD CROSSING:**

This test evaluates the driver’s common sense, degree of care and knowledge of the laws, rules and regulations when required to maneuver a school bus across railroad tracks at an intersection.

**BLINDSIDE ALLEY DOCK:**

This event is designed to evaluate the driver’s ability to back the bus into a ten feet wide alley without touching the upright markers and side and rear limit markers. **This is a timed event.** A three minute time limit starts when the front bumper passes the first upright standard. The bus must be parked in the stall, with the parking brake set, and the horn sounded, within the three-minute time limit.

**STUDENT LOADING:**

Loading of students can be one of the most life threatening maneuvers a school bus driver performs. This test is designed to evaluate the driver’s alertness to the loading of passengers and to determine their ability to remember and perform several other important functions incidental to such loading. Such items include proper use of directional signals, yellow warning lights, mirrors, red crossover lights and the stop arm in accordance with the rules.

**SUMMARY OF POSSIBLE POINTS PER EVENT**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Written Test	100
Stop Line Event	95
Offset Alley Event	100
Straight Line Event	100
Diminishing Clearance Event	100
Curb Line Event	100
Railroad Crossing Event	50
Blindside Alley Dock Event	120
Mystery Event	50
Student Loading Event	85
Parallel Parking Event	100
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS</b>	<b>1000</b>

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Remember, upon completion of each event, the driver shall apply the parking brake, place the transmission in neutral, and wait for the judge to annotate the score sheet. The judges will then direct you to the next event or staging area. Failure to follow this procedure will result in demerits.

**Special note:** All boundary lines and other markers, with the exception of the balls in the straight line forward and the pull up line in the alley dock, will be treated as vertical walls. If any part of the vehicle touches or would punch through these vertical walls, it will be treated as an encroachment. All encroachments will be counted as demerits.