

**PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY
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To: All Transportation Directors
From: Jim Black, Chairman
Pupil Transportation Safety Competition Foundation, Inc.

Subj: Instructions for Competing in the State Safety
Competition

Thank you for your interest in receiving the information for competing in the State Safety Competitions. The competition manual and registration package is located on the GAPT web site at: www.gaptonline.org, along with the entrance requirements for the safety competition and tentative schedule for the competition. Please have your driver take the time to read and follow the instructions so that your driver will not be eliminated.

Your "#1" and "#2" driver must have competed in a local safety competition. Each driver will need to return a completed copy of the "2009 Entry Form and Certification of Employer, and the Contestant Biographical Information" to the address listed on the application form, no later than May 15, 2009. You must also include the number of tickets you will need for the banquet. Your "#1" Driver will will receive one (1) free ticket for themselves but others in your party will have to purchase banquet tickets. You may purchase these during the inspection and written test sessions on June 10, 2009 at \$20.00 per ticket.

The school buses that will be used in the driving portion of the State Safety Competition this year will be:

2004 Blue Bird Vision/72 passenger, Air Door, Air Brakes, Air Seat, C-7 Cat, 210 HP with Automatic Transmission, Fisheye Mirrors

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at (770) 443-8035. I hope that you will take the time to thank the McConnell Tabor Stadium and the Holiday Inn for their help in hosting the competition at their facility. The Foundation looks forward to seeing all of you at the 2009 State Safety Competition, Warner Robbins/Perry, GA.

Pupil Transportation Safety
Competition Foundation, Inc.
June 10-11, 2009
State Safety Competition

June 10, 2008

Breakfast on your own

Perry, GA Holiday Inn all activities on June 10, 2009

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Written Test
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Bus Inspection
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Bus Inspection Cont'd
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Bus Drive Thru
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Free and Relax Time
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Banquet

June 11, 2009

Competition will be on site at McConnell Tabor Stadium,
Warner Robins
Transportation Will be Provided

6:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Breakfast on your own
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Make your way To Warner Robins, McConnell Stadium
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Ride Thru
9:00 AM - Until	Safety Competition
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch Provided by Nalley

Note: The Foundation will pay for your "#1" Driver's Wednesday night stay, the lunch meal, and the banquet meal. If your "#2" Driver wishes to room with your "#1" Driver then hotel will be covered for the Wednesday night stay. Your "#2" driver will have to purchase their lunch meal and banquet meal. Nalley Bus Group will be providing Chick-Fil-A for lunch on June 11, 2009. Any other night(s) or meal(s) will be on your own.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE SAFETY COMPETITION

1. The Georgia School Bus Driver Competition will be limited to one (1) driver per school system. Registration for entrance into state competition must be submitted no later than May 15, 2008.

2. **ALL** Drivers will be required to compete in local competition. In competitions where multiple systems are competing, the scores will be grouped per system and the highest score in each system will be eligible for state competition. In the event the first place driver in a system cannot attend, the second place driver in that system may substitute.

3. Each system hosting a local competition must provide the PTSCF with the names and scores of the two contestants, the primary contestant and the name and score of the alternate contestant representing their school system. The list of driver names and scores must be submitted no later than May 15, 2008.

4. Contestants must have driven a minimum of three (3) days per week during the entire school year effective September 1, of the current competition year to be eligible for state competition. Certification from his/her transportation director will be required.

5. Each host system will select the events for their local competition. It is recommended that the competition events mirror those found in the competition manual on the GAPT web site www.gaptonline.org.

6. The PTSCF request that all host systems of local competition permit drivers, who are in systems that do not hold local competition, compete in their local competition. As stated in rule #2, they will not be competing against your drivers, but only as drivers in their school system.

7. In order to qualify for competition a driver must hold a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and meet any other licensing or certification requirements for a School Bus Driver that may be required by the state. In addition, he/she must not have had a **preventable** school bus accident (as defined by the National Safety Council Safe Driver Award Program) since September 1, of the previous year.

8. The first and second place winners of the State Safety Competition will be offered the opportunity to be sponsored by the PTSCF to attend the national/international Safety Competition. If they cannot attend, then the PTSCF will proceed down the list of the top ten drivers to select a National/International participant.

9. Under National/International rules, after the state competition has been completed, a driver cannot have had a **preventable** accident prior to the National/International competition. In the event this was to occur, the process in rule #8 would be followed for the selection of a replacement driver.

10. **No local competition driver will be eligible to compete in state competition unless he/she meets the above criteria during the period from September 1, of the previous year to the date of state competition and/or national/international competition.**

Note: Registration forms for the state competition can be found on the GAPT web site. www.gaptonline.org.

**2009 Entry Form For
Pupil Transportation Safety Competition Foundation, Inc.
(Please type or use black ink and print clearly)**

Name of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Name of School District: _____ Phone(____) _____

Address of School District: _____

Phone #: (____) _____

I hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

- Both as to myself, my heirs and personal representative, I release PTSCF, board members of PTSCF, and the host facility from any liability and any right of action that might arise from any damage or injury which I may receive from attending or participating in such competition.

- PTSCF shall have the right to use any articles or photographs taken of me in connection for whatever purpose, whether in advertising, promotion or exhibits.

- I shall be bound by all orders, rules and regulations governing the PTSCF State Safety Competition while participating in such competition.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Certification of Employer

I hereby certify that the above driver has been employed as a school bus driver within the previous year and has not had a preventable school bus accident (as defined by the PTSCF entrance requirements) since September 1, 2008. I also certify that the above named driver qualifies under the PTSCF entrance requirements for the 2008 State Safety Competition.

Name of Supervisor: _____ Title _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Place/Position Constant placed in a Local Competition _____

Date of Local Competition _____

How many events in the Local Safety Competition? _____ Score _____

By signing this form: I certify that the above applicant has competed in a Local Safety Competition and has met the requirement for competing in the State of Georgia School Bus Safety Competition.

Signature of Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS MAY 15, 2009. PLEASE SEND ALL INFORMATION TO:

**Brantley County Schools Transportation
Rt2 Box 22 T
Nahunta, GA 31553**

CONTESTANT BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
2009 SCHOOL BUS DRIVER STATE OF GEORGIA
SAFETY COMPETITION
(Please Type or use Black Ink and Print Clearly)

Name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.): _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Place of Birth: _____

Hobbies: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Address of Employer: _____
Street City State Zip

Number of Years Driving a School Bus: _____

Number of Years with Current Employer: _____

Number of Miles Driven without a Preventable Accident: _____

Number of Years since last Accident: _____

Description of bus driven this last school year:

Make	Year	Capacity	Type Route (reg/spec.ed)
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Is this your First State Competition? _____ If no, list previous competitions:

Why do you like being a professional driver?

Tell us about other driving competitions that you have competed in (include types, dates and your ranking). Use back if needed.

The PTSCF will furnish each contestant with a Banquet Ticket. Any other needed tickets must be purchased at \$20.00 per Banquet Ticket. Please give us the number of tickets you will need to attend the Banquet. Number of Tickets: _____ . We need your shirt size: _____

"Thank you for participating in the Georgia School Bus Safety Competition. Remember you are already a winner, since you are representing your school district!"