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\$9,200 in Awards
To be awarded at State Competition**

**Available to any 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th Grade
Student in a Public School in Texas**

**2015 - 2016
School Bus Safety
Speech Contest**

Topic

“ #Stop on Red! ”

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Contest Rules & Information

1. Students in grades 9, 10, 11 & 12 in Texas public schools are eligible to participate.
2. Speech topic theme is “ **#Stop on Red!** ”
3. All entries must be pre-registered on-line. All information must be legible.
4. One 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade participant from each public school district may compete at a local Region contest, facilitated by each of the 20 Education Service Centers throughout Texas. *A representative of the school district (official, administrator, transportation director) must register students to assure **only one student from each grade level per district** is entered to compete at the Regional level. Entries accepted on-line only.*
5. District and region elimination contests must be held on or before the dates listed in the schedule of events (see back page). The State Contest date is also listed. This date may be subject to change.
6. Length of speech must be at least four (4) minutes, but not more than six (6) minutes. Contestants shall be penalized one (1) point for every ten (10) seconds that the speech deviates from the minimum or maximum time lengths.
7. Student must present speech **without** the use of notes, printed material or props. Speech must be original, although quotes will be permitted. Contestant must write his/her own speech.
8. Contestants may, but are not required to, introduce themselves. No points will be added or deducted.
9. No person may enter or leave the room while contestants are speaking.
10. Only one contestant, the one reciting his/her speech, will be allowed in the same room as the judges when speeches are being delivered. No other contestants will be allowed in the presentation room.
11. Contestants must prepare and submit to the site coordinator seven (7) each double-spaced, typewritten copies of the speech for the judges.
12. Contestants must prepare a complete and accurate bibliography used in writing the speech and attach it to each copy of the manuscript.

13. Contestants at both Region and State contests will draw a number and be introduced to speak in order of the number drawn.

14. A timekeeper will keep the student's time using a timing device. Time will be announced and recorded at the conclusion of each speech.

15. Judges will have knowledge of speaking and/or school bus safety. Each judge should have copies of score sheets, contest rules and other relevant information regarding the contest.

16. Score sheets will be totaled; M.C. will announce winners by name, grade, school district and region.

17. First place winner from each grade level from each of the 20 Regions will be eligible to compete for State awards at the State finals contest. Regional first place winners will receive a \$50 award at the state contest.

18. Final scores will determine first, second and third place winners for each grade level at State. Awards are listed in this brochure.

19. Texas Association for Pupil Transportation will present Scholarship awards to winners, except first place overall. The first place overall winner must present his/her speech and receive the award at the State TAPT Conference in Beaumont in June, 2016.

**Register online at
www.tapt.com**

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Total of \$9,200

**Scholarship payments
provided by**

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Region Champs: \$ 50 Check
Each Grade Level

Overall 1st Place: \$ 1,000 Check

State Other 1st Place: \$ 600 Check

State 2nd Place: \$ 400 Check

State 3rd Place: \$ 200 Check

Schedule of Events

Local District Contest:

Winners from each grade level must be registered by February 01, 2016. No late registrations will be accepted. One 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade student from each participating school district may advance to the Region Contest. Each school district will decide on a method for advancement and register students to compete at Region.

Region Contest:

To be completed by March 18, 2016. First place winner from each grade level from each of the 20 regions will advance to the State Finals. (Potentially 80 participants)

State Contest Finals:

Regional winners will participate in the State Contest Finals in Waco on April 18, 2016. (Time and location will be announced.) Three winners will be chosen - first, second and third from each grade level. Overall 1st place finisher must present his/her speech at the TAPT Conference in June, 2016 in Beaumont (hotel room provided).

Score Max	Explanation of Score Sheet Points
22	INTRODUCTION – includes: Did introduction gain attention? Did introduction lead into the speech? Was the theme clearly stated? Did thematic statement include a preview? Did the speaker establish credibility? Was the topic adapted to the audience?
32	BODY – includes: Were main points clearly identifiable? Were transitions effective? Did speaker use adequate support material? Did speaker cite sources adequately?
16	CONCLUSION – includes: Did it summarize the info provided? Did it provide definite closure? Did it leave the speech on a high note? Did the speaker adhere to time guidelines of 4 – 6 minutes? Length of speech in time: _____
30	DELIVERY – includes: Was the delivery enthusiastic? Did the speaker have good eye contact? Were other aspects of nonverbal delivery effective? Did the speaker use vocal variety & good projection? Did the speaker present him/herself in a professional manner?
100	Total Maximum Score



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15th Annual School Bus Safety Speech Contest

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**Texas
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**Overall Winner
\$1,000
Scholarship**