

Texas Association for Pupil Transportation
Special Transportation Team Safety
Competition “Road-e-o” Sheldon, Texas
2026

Driver Name (First and Last): _____

Bus Assistant Name (First and Last): _____

School District (No Abbreviations): _____

Region #: _____

*Please ensure the names of both the driver and bus assistant are on **EACH PAGE** of the test and essay turned in. This will assist the tabulation committee in the event papers are separated.*

This is an open book test to be completed by team members who are entered in the 2026 TAPT Special Transportation Team Safety Competition. The purpose of this test is to measure and increase your knowledge of transporting students with disabilities and preschoolers. As you consult your resources you will learn more about the issues, solutions, and organizations involved in special needs pupil transportation.

There are two parts to this test.

The highest score possible is 100 points with the completion of both parts. Please read and follow all instructions completely. You will turn in the completed test and essay when you check-in at the registration table on competition day.

Part one is 16 questions which will be a combination of multiple choice, true and false, and fill in the blank. **Please circle the correct answer completely and write legibly.** Each question is worth 5 points.

Part two is an essay question and is worth 20 points. **Please write legibly or you may submit a printed/typed version.** You will be graded on:

1. Meeting the minimum word requirement.
2. Listing all required information as outlined in the essay question itself.
3. Overall composition.

Additionally: You must show your valid Driver’s License, valid Texas School Bus Certification card, and valid DOT medical certification card at the time of check-in.

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1. The acronym SAMA stands for?
 - A. Satori Alternatives to Managing Aggression
 - B. Satori Aggression Management Association
 - C. Schedules Alternatives to Managing Aggression
 - D. None of the above

2. The acronym SHARS stands for?
 - A. Students Health and Related Services
 - B. School Health and Related Services
 - C. Students Hearing and Retention Services
 - D. School Home and Related Services

3. Which agency is utilized to request reimbursement of SHARS data?
 - A. Texas Education Agency
 - B. Medicaid
 - C. Texas Association for Pupil Transportation
 - D. None of the above

4. According to the ADA definition, a person with a disability is?
 - A. Someone who is unable to utilize standard walk paths.
 - B. Someone who is too short to reach the top shelf.
 - C. Someone who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity.
 - D. None of the above.

5. General education students are not allowed to ride the bus with students who receive transportation as related service.
 - A. True
 - B. False

6. All Special Education routes must have a bus with climate control.
 - A. True
 - B. False

7. What does the acronym IFSP stand for?

8. Who determines whether transportation services are required and how those services should be implemented?

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9. TX School Bus Specifications require the lifting mechanism and platform shall be capable of operating effectively with a wheelchair and occupant mass of at least

- A. 700 LBS
- B. 1,000 LBS
- C. 1,200 LBS
- D. 1,500 LBS

10. Which list of disabilities is found in IDEA (2004)

- A. Autism, Behavior, Deaf-blindness, Deafness, Emotional Disturbance
- B. Autism, Behavior, Deaf-blindness, Deafness, Hearing impairment
- C. Autism, Deaf-blindness, Deafness, Orthopedic impairment, Traumatic brain injury
- D. Autism, Behavior, Deaf-blindness, Deafness, Orthopedic impairment

11. Where must the international handicap symbols be displayed on a school bus equipped with a wheelchair lift?

12. What does the acronym CSRS stand for?

13. List two types of positive reinforcers recognized by Positive Behavior Support (PBS)

14. What angle should wheelchair securements be from the floor to the wheelchair?

- A. 75°
- B. 45°
- C. 90°
- D. None of the above

15. What does the acronym VNS stand for?

16. Which government agency recommends that special education drivers have a seating chart?

- A. DPS
- B. FMCSA
- C. IDEA
- D. NHTSA

