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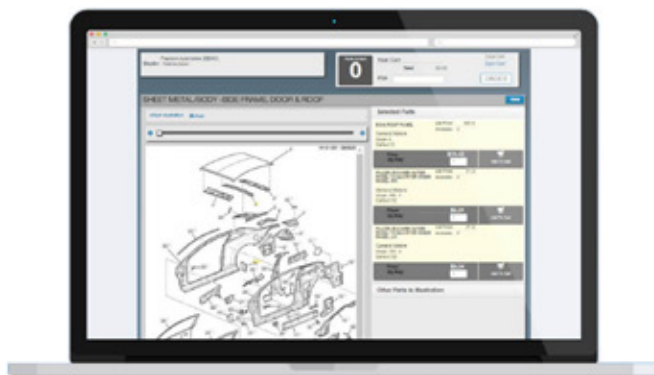
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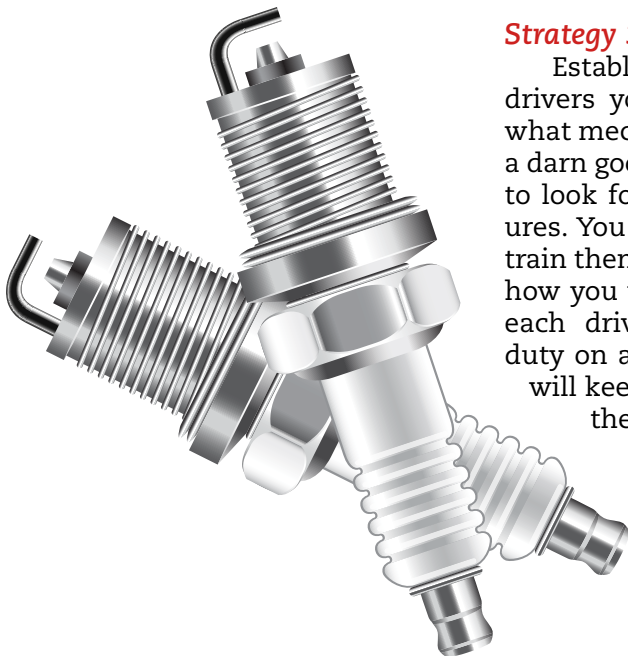


# Taking Bus Safety to a New Level!

Tony Hatfield

We all know our primary objective is to transport our students from home and to school and back in the safest way we know how. School buses are the safest means of transportation we can provide for them... so the question is...are they safe? That is what parents and the public want to know. The key to being able to answer "YES!" to that question is a daily maintenance schedule.

Every transportation director will tell you stories about THE STATE INSPECTION. But the key to a successful state inspection which should occur in every day is a *daily maintenance inspection*. The implementation of a daily maintenance inspection which involves bus drivers, mechanics and the transportation director is the path to achieving well above a 90% on the annual state inspection and spot inspections. State inspections are both a challenge and a source of stress which require staying ahead of the game daily. The price of becoming inattentive or getting sloppy with bus maintenance isn't a low inspection score. The real price is endangering students lives!



## Strategy 1

The first and the most important part of the strategy will be to *never let your guard down* or just a good attitude check!!! You must at all times think of every bus, every student and every driver are the goals you must achieve daily for their safety. IT MUST BE THIS WAY!! And when you get this down...you will see it is a lot easier to achieve to receive those higher percentages!

## Strategy 2

You must have some type of preventive maintenance schedule or a *condition report* on each school bus. Do this through the week. Keep good preventive maintenance records and good track of your repairs. Know where you stand on each bus on how it is performing. This will save you time and money for your district as well.

## Strategy 3

Establish a Inspection Team of drivers you trust that are somewhat mechanically incline or have a darn good eye to be very detailed to look for defective parts or failures. You must also pick a day to train them on what to look for and how you want it done. 4 drivers... each driver have a specific job duty on and around the bus. This will keep each driver focused on their job only!



## Strategy 4 THE DAY!! Inspection Team

Use an Inspection check off list! This way you have documented and have checked off the components on the bus good or bad and do a thorough inspection. I have added attachment to the MAPT website where you can print off these check off lists. Each sheet will define each drivers or persons job before pulling the bus in the barn for the actual inspection.

Using this strategy can get you a 100%. It's just how bad you want it! The key is the first 2 strategy points...it has to be a yearly goal and can't be done a month or two before inspection day! It is a team effort and you can do it for the students in your district.

## We are all in this together!

I do want to say one more thing...we are all in this together! Big school, small school, logistically it is all the same! We serve one purpose...that is to get kids home safely to and from school. It is a national wide effort to get the job done right...and I know we all want that! God Bless! ●



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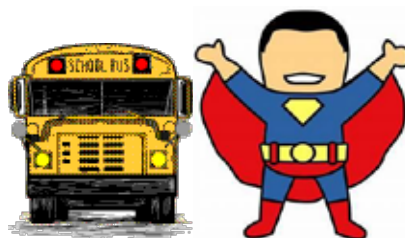
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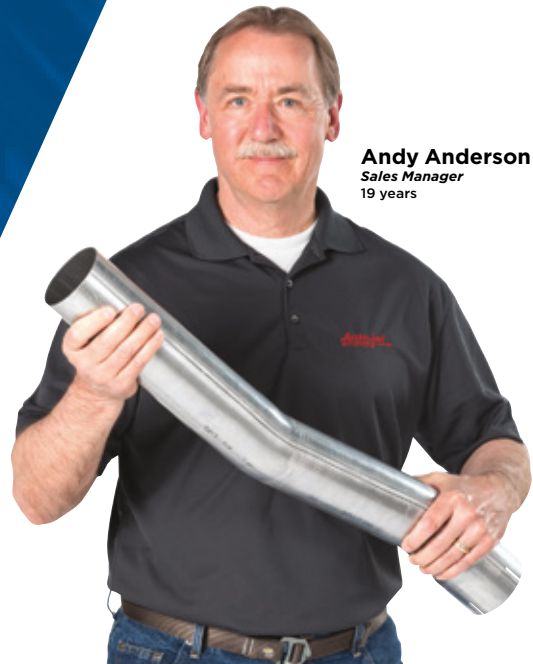


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# What You Need to Know..

## Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Update

Debra Clink, School Transportation/Finance Consultant

THE FOLLOWING ARE CURRENT ITEMS THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTORS NEED TO BE AWARE OF RELATING TO MISSOURI PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

### Real ID

The Missouri Department of Revenue's website information page has been updated regarding the REAL ID implementation which is scheduled for March 25, 2019. Noted below are the two primary links to get to the updated information.

- <https://dor.mo.gov/>
- <https://dor.mo.gov/drivers/>

### 2018-19 State Transportation Aid Calculation

This is the fourth live state transportation calculation made for the current year. The calculation is based on 2018-19 school year data submitted by the district on the state transportation aid documents included in Part IV of the Annual Secretary of the Board Report (Application for State Transportation Aid, School Bus and Facility Depreciation Schedules).

The percent of reduction to the calculated entitlement computed for the January 2019 calculation follows. This reduction percentage represents the amount the entitlement exceeded the appropriation and will fluctuate from month to month as revisions are made to individual school district data. The percent of reduction and the A and

B factors are also reflected on each district's Summary Transportation Report.

The percentage reduction and the A and B factors are as follows:

### School Bus Purchases

	<b>Jan 2019</b>
<b>Reduction Factor:</b>	66.609272%
<b>A Factor:</b>	3.525846
<b>B Factor:</b>	-1.354847

Missouri Statute 304.060, RSMo, requires school districts to comply with State Board of Education regulations that set school bus safety standards (this statute carries a "guilty of misconduct" violation for any school employee who does not comply with this requirement). School districts and their school bus contractors are required by State Board of Education Regulation 5 CSR 30-261.025 to operate only school buses that meet Missouri Minimum Standards for School Buses. In addition, school bus manufacturers are also charged in the Minimum Standards with certifying that their product meets the Minimum Standards for School Buses.

Please make sure that all school bus purchases, including used school

buses, specify that the school bus meets Missouri Minimum Standards for the year in which the bus was manufactured. Several states do not have the same specifications that Missouri does; such as the fire block seat upholstery, the second stop arm, and the lower side skirts.

### Ridership List

The second ridership list for the current school year must be finalized on the second Wednesday of February (February 13, 2019.) This list should be a compilation of the students' names that regularly ride the bus from the beginning of the second semester to the February count day and should identify which students are eligible for state transportation aid (those living one mile or more from school) and those ineligible for state transportation aid (those living less than one mile from school.)

The ridership list should not be a listing of all students who are eligible or ineligible to ride the buses nor should it be a listing of only those students riding on the count day, but should be a listing of students regularly riding the buses. A student should ride the school bus a minimum of once a week to be considered a regular rider. ●

## DESE Contact Information

(573) 751-0357

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's website: [dese.mo.gov](http://dese.mo.gov)

School Transportation website: [dese.mo.gov/divadm/trans](http://dese.mo.gov/divadm/trans)

DESE E-Mail Address: [Debra.Clink@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Debra.Clink@dese.mo.gov)



## 2019 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The MAPT is seeking nominations for the **2019** Administrator of the Year Award. This award is intended to honor a member of our association for their contributions to the Pupil Transportation field **and the MAPT** above and beyond the call of duties. The person selected will be honored at the **2019** MAPT Conference and Trade Show. You may nominate someone for this prestigious award by completing the form below. Please include a brief written statement about your nominee's qualifications for this award.

## 2019 MAPT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award is to honor those in our organization who have contributed to the transportation field **and the MAPT** on a continual basis. This award is not intended to compete with the Administrator of the Year Award; rather it is to be used to honor those with a long-standing commitment to our field. Several criteria have been developed for this award and are listed below.

Guidelines for the MAPT Distinguished Service Award are:

1. Candidate must be a member of MAPT, Professional Status.
2. Candidate must have a minimum of 5 years of experience in pupil transportation or a related field.
3. Candidate must be in an administrative, managerial, or supervisory capacity and be actively engaged in the daily operation of pupil transportation.
4. Application must specifically include justification for the award in the following areas:
  - Leadership Role ... Position Related or Community Related
  - Achievements
  - Special Projects
  - Activities
  - Any other pertinent information

If you know someone deserving of this award, please nominate him or her by completing the form below. Please include a brief written statement about your nominee's qualifications for this award.

**CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MAY 27, 2019**

The person named below is being nominated for:

\_\_\_\_\_ 2019 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

\_\_\_\_\_ 2019 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ School /Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ # Years of Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Submitting Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS TO:**

**Mail to:**

Lebanon R-3 School District  
Attn. Joe Pemberton  
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# Let's Finish the Year on a High Note

Joe Pemberton, Region IV Director

We have reached that time of the year when many of us start the year-end countdown. Everyone is getting tired and weary of the cold wet weather and looking forward to summer. It may be a struggle at times, but we can all take a deep breath, get our second wind, and finish the year out on a high note. We do it because as transportation professionals we know the yellow bus that connects the neighborhood to the school is a vital part of the educational process.

The school bus is an amazing piece of equipment. It's a fact that the yellow school bus transporting students to and from school is 70 times safer than any other mode of ground transportation. We are often asked is it just the way the bus is manufactured that makes it safe? While the safety features and strength of the structure are no doubt a huge part of the 70 times safety factor, I believe the entire transportation staff, the transportation professionals, who make student transportation work efficiently every day are the biggest denominator in the positive numbers. If it wasn't for the loyalty and dedication of student transportation professionals across the country, day in and day out, that care about the job they do and the students they transport the "70 times safer" we like to boast about would look terrifyingly different.

How much safer? Well about 70 times safer than traveling by car\*—even if a parent is the one doing the driving. Once you factor in the cost, convenience and carbon footprint benefits of the school bus, it's hard to find a reason to send children to school any other way. (\*Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

So why no good press for the yellow bus and the professionals

that make student transportation what it is today? Maybe it's the sign of the times. We live in a time and culture that social media has created. The high standards the gatekeepers of the past once had, have been lowered to make room for news that is raw, unfiltered, uninformed and much of the time untrue. At one time in the past, verification and journalistic discipline was at the core of the information published. The general public could make informed decisions about many important topics based on the information they received. This is not so today.

Unfortunately we do receive negative media coverage when something happens. How do we respond to all the negative and sometimes false press? As student transportation professionals the first step is the job at hand. We work in a field that demands high standards, we can't just say it. We have to live it, we need to be above reproach. It must be seen in our daily operation. We must set the standard.

We have to obey all of the laws of the road, stop when the signs say stop, drive the speed limit, and treat the students behind us as if they are the most important people in the world to us



while we are transporting them. Many of the young people I have had the pleasure, and sometimes not so much pleasure of knowing, are now teachers, law enforcement officers, bankers, doctors and the list could go on and on. We know they are the adults who will be taking care of us in the future and I want them to remember me as the caring person who was patient and concerned for them, even when they chose to use bad judgement and be disrespectful or misbehave. I want to be the one they remember as being respectful and continued to use good judgement even when they didn't. Set the example.

Secondly, we already have an amazing record to be boastful of, so why not get the good news out every opportunity that we have. We do have the freedom to use social media as well as telling our story to the general public. Our local newspapers are always looking for good articles and the "Letter to the Editor" section is always available too.

Hopefully many of you will be able to take advantage of our MAPT 54th Annual Conference and Trade Show July 9–12 in Springfield. We are considering regional meetings throughout the year in the Region 4 area. If you have any suggestions please feel free to contact me at the information below.

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# 2019 National School Bus Safety Week

## Poster Contest

**Theme: Red Lights Mean STOP!**

### WHO MAY ENTER:

Any student enrolled in a public, parochial or other private elementary or middle school (plus High school for Divisions 4 and 5 only) in the United States of America, Canada or an overseas US military installation may submit artwork to the National School Bus Safety Poster Contest.

### POSTER SPECIFICATIONS:

Completed poster size must be 11" x 17" or 12" x 18". Posters may be illustrated on the vertical or horizontal axis.

Designs should be submitted on quality tag, poster illustration board or heavy paper. Construction paper may be used but winning entries must be mounted on quality tag poster. Lamination is not permitted and will disqualify the poster.

There is no limitation on the use and number of colors.

There is no limitation on the type of media -- such as print, crayon, felt pen, etc. -- used on the poster design; however, wood, plastic, glass or metal should not be part of the poster. Collage materials should not be used. Glued on pieces will disqualify the poster.

Lettering and Drawing: The poster design may incorporate freehand letters only. Stenciled, pre-printed, manufactured stick-on or press-on letters or tracings may not be used and will disqualify the poster. Lettering should be clearly legible, even if used as part of the poster design. Cut paper / stencils (freehand or pre-drawn stick-on stencils) are not permitted and will disqualify the poster.

Poster designs may not incorporate any copyrighted materials (i.e., comic and/or television characters), including stock artwork, meaning photographs or other images of common places, landmarks, nature, events or people; clip art, meaning anything from an existing collection of pictures or images that can be imported from or into the poster; and non-original raster graphics or vector graphics.

Drawings must be original, correct in safety concept and the exclusive work of the student entering the contest in idea, design and execution. All artwork should be positive in approach, demonstrating only proper school bus safety behaviors. At least a part of a yellow school bus must be present in the poster.

There must be a 3" x 5" card/entry blank securely fastened to the back of the poster which includes the student's name, grade, age, teacher's name, email address, school name and school address. Please print clearly. Do not place name, school, etc., on the front of the poster. Display information on the back only.

An art instructor or art teacher should supervise all work.

### POSTER THEME:

Every poster and slogan must harmonize with the 2019 poster contest theme:

**The top four posters from each category will be submitted to NAPT for the National Poster Competition:**

- Division 1: Grades K-2
- Division 2: Grades 3-5
- Division 3: Grades 6-8
- Division 4: Special Education
- Division 5: CAD (Computer Aided Drawing)

**Mail entries to:**

Willard Public Schools  
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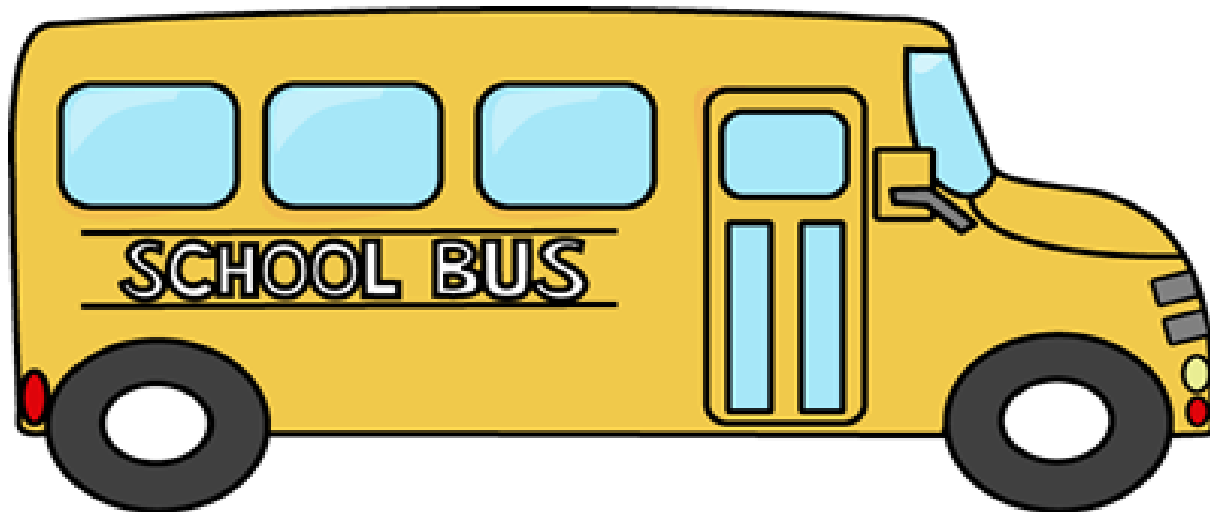
#### **2019 NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY POSTER CONTEST**

Please complete and attach this form to the back of each poster in accordance with poster specifications noted in the contest rules.

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## 2019 Missouri's Best 10<sup>th</sup> Annual School Bus Technician and Inspector Competition Schedule

M.A.P.T.

Missouri's Best School Bus Technician and Inspector Competition  
will be held at the Springfield Public Schools  
2945 E. Pythian Street Springfield, MO 65802

This year's schedule is as follow:

**Tuesday, July 9th**

<b>8:00 am - 8:30 am</b>	Meet at Springfield Public Schools
<b>8:30 am - 9:30 am</b>	Judges meeting- Registration
<b>9:30 am - 10:00 am</b>	Welcome – Orientation
<b>10:00 am --11:00 pm</b>	Written test
<b>11:00 am –12:00 pm</b>	Lunch (Provided)
<b>12:00 am – 12:15 pm</b>	Walk thru
<b>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm</b>	Competition Starts

2019 Missouri's Best School Bus Technician and Inspector Competition  
Competitor's will be recognized in the conference opening session  
Wednesday the 11th at 10:30am



# Zip. Zero. Nada. None.

Barry R. Sudduth, CDPT, CSNT  
NAPT President

Dear MAPT Member, I write to you today with a heavy heart. The deadly crash on January 25 involving a train and school bus in Athens, TX, (<https://bit.ly/2TgZgXB>) was yet another stark reminder that the work we do is important and there can be grave consequences out on the road, even on routine days when the unexpected can happen. The margin of error is extraordinarily small, so the need for vigilance must be high at all times. In the aftermath of the devastating string of crashes that occurred last Fall, particularly in October, November and December, the NAPT Board has taken a fresh look at the components of school transportation safety—past, present and future. Historically, our industry has a strong safety culture that consis-



Barry Sudduth

tently produces an impressive record overall. But the Board believes we can and must do better, sharing the view of other transportation safety leaders that crashes, and fatalities, are almost always preventable.

Towards that end, I'm excited to tell you about the campaign we are developing to help eliminate school transportation related fatalities by 2025. Let me repeat that: *Eliminate school transportation-related fatalities by 2025.* We call it Zip. Zero. Nada. None. We believe the keys to accomplishing this goal lie in encouraging our members in states and communities around the country to double down on more than a half century of operational experience and focusing time, energy and resources on five specific things:

1. School Buses
2. School Bus Drivers
3. Sharing the Road with School Buses
4. School Transportation Leadership
5. Information for the Public

My colleagues on the NAPT Board and I will be meeting in the third week of February, and we're excited to have leaders from the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) joining us. Together we'll work to finalize campaign specifics. Over the course of the next few weeks I look forward to sharing more details on each of the outlined matters listed above. In the meantime, should you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us at headquarters: 800.989.NAPT (6278) or [info@napt.org](mailto:info@napt.org). As always, thank you for your dedication to our profession and participation in NAPT. ●

## Missouri's Best

Lloyd Givens, Chairperson for the Missouri's Best Competition

As we inch closer to spring, it becomes a perfect time to start preparing for the "Missouri's Best School Bus Competition for Inspectors and Technicians."

What a milestone we have surpassed with this year being our 10th annual competition held at the MAPT Conference. This year, as in the previous years, we are striving to make this event even better. We have set the bar even higher this year to provide you with an over-the-top competition. We hope to achieve this goal by having a lot of new faces, along with famil-

iar faces participating in events to showcase what you have learned along the way and then take the knowledge you gained from this opportunity to your garages to make your fleet safer today than it was yesterday.

Now is the time of year for you all to save the date for the "2019 Missouri's Best Competition." The event will be held on July 9, 2019 at the Springfield Public School District Transportation Department in Springfield, Missouri. Please mark not only your calendar now but also the calendar of your supervisor. I understand how valuable

your time can be at your bus garage on a daily basis—to have the need for all hands on deck, however, participating in this event has so many rewards in several directions that you can't afford to miss the opportunity to attend the competition.

MAPT Board of Directors hope to see you in Springfield, MO, July 9th to either compete in the competition, be a judge or a spectator.

Be sure to frequently visit the MAPT website for updates, [www.moapt.org](http://www.moapt.org).

Be safe and hope to see you all soon. ●



## Conference Continuing Education Grant

### Nomination – Application

The MAPT Continuing Education Grant is established to provide financial assistance to MAPT members to assist them to continue their professional growth in the field of student transportation. The recipient of the Continuing Education Grant will receive complimentary Full Registration and Lodging to attend the 2019 Annual Conference and Trade Show.

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School District/Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### If you are nominating a candidate, complete the information below about yourself

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Signature Title/Position

Relationship to Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### Submission

On the reverse side or a separate piece of paper describe your and/or the candidates professional goals/objectives and how the MAPT Conference Continuing Education Grant will help you/the candidate attain these goal/objectives.

Submit this application and any supporting documentation by **May 3, 2019** to:

**By Mail:**

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# Home Stretch

Keith Henry  
Interim Executive Director

**H**ard to believe we have entered 2019—how time flies! Most, if not all of us, are hitting our 100th day of school. This means we are on the downward slide for the 2018–2019 school year. The last hurdle is “Spring Trip Season!”

As you are preparing for the final stretch of the school year, be assured the MAPT Board is working hard to plan this year’s annual conference and trade show. This year’s conference and trade will mark the 54th year as an organization. This year MAPT has some great new things in store. As a reminder, the MAPT Board has established the Continuing Education Grant to provide financial assistance for a deserving member. The grant provides complimentary full registration and lodging to the 2019 Conference and Trade Show. See [www.moapt.org](http://www.moapt.org) for more information.

## **New for 2019: “MAPT Student Transportation Professional Certification”**

This year the MAPT will be offering a “Student Transportation Professional Certification” program at the Conference and Trade Show. Those participating in the certification program will be provided the instruction needed for student transportation oversight, accountability and management to ensure safe student transportation that meets regulatory requirements and ensures the highest standards that your community expectations are met. The program is an essential must for both district operated and contracted transportation systems. The program will start Tuesday and conclude Thursday evening. Please be sure to check the MAPT Website ([www.moapt.org](http://www.moapt.org)) for more details, including speakers and topics.

MAPT also hosts many opportunities for those that want to fine-tune their trade. Please be sure to look into these fun learning opportunities, that will increase your districts professionalism, skills and safety:

- Missouri Safety Competition: June 20–21, Lake of the Ozarks, [moapt.starchapter.com/Safety\\_Competition](http://moapt.starchapter.com/Safety_Competition)

## **ty\_Competition**

- Missouri’s Best Technician: July 9, Springfield MO, [moapt.starchapter.com/Mo\\_Best](http://moapt.starchapter.com/Mo_Best)

- Missouri Poster Contest

As student transportation professionals, we are a humble group that work tirelessly behind the scenes and accomplishes significant contributions daily to the success of students. For this reason, the MAPT Board needs and appreciates your help in identifying those that go above and beyond the call to duty. If you know of someone who has made a significant contribution as a representative of the student transportation family please be sure to nominate them for:

- Driver of the Year
- Distinguished Service Award
- Administrator of the Year Award

The above and more will be at this year’s conference and trade show. As you can see, we are busy and excited at this year’s offerings. Please check our website often for news and updates. ●

## **Is your district current and compliant with federal drug and alcohol testing and training regulations? How will medical marijuana laws impact your workplace safety?**

Here is an opportunity for you and your drivers to receive training on the most current federal drug and alcohol testing requirements.

School bus drivers are not exempt from Part 382 of the federal regulations. Our overview class is an hour-long session of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s drug and alcohol testing requirements. Each session covers the mandated content of 49 CFR, Part 382.601 and can be used as a CEU for your drivers. Dates are available for 2019 and 2020! Training courses are hosted by Tomo at **your** location.

Request your session by visiting our website at:

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April 10, 2019      Quarterly Executive Board Meeting  
Holiday Inn, Columbia, MO, 9:30 AM

July 9–12, 2019      The 54th Annual Conference  
and Trade Show  
University Plaza Hotel & Convention  
Center, Springfield, MO

Oct. 9, 2019      Quarterly Executive Board Meeting  
Holiday Inn, Columbia, MO, 9:30 AM

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