Annual Utah State Safety Skills Competition

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Saturday, May 16, 2026

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Canyons School District

11150 Vista Way, Sandy, UT 84070

Dear 2026 State Road-E-O Contestant,

Enclosed you will find the agenda for the 2026 State School Bus Safety Skills Competition "Bus Road-E-O".

Please review the instructions for each obstacle and review how each obstacle will be scored. The map of the course is also included in this packet. Please note that many of the obstacles are timed.

There will be a 25-question general knowledge test and a 25-question pre-trip inspection test that can be completed while you are waiting for your time to drive.

Please arrive early for registration, breakfast and for instructions before the event begins. ***Late arrivals will be disqualified. ***

Best of luck in the competition.

Jeremy Wardle

Board Adviser, UAPT

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7:00 - 9:00	Continental Breakfast
7:30 - 7:45	Judges Registration
7:45 - 8:00	Judges Orientation and Drive-Through
7:30 - 7:45	Contestant Registration
7:45 - 8:15	Contestant & Spectator Orientation and Drive-Through course.
8:15	Competition begins.
11:00 - 12:00	Lunch Provided by Sponsors and UAPT
12:00	Participation Certificates
12:30	Awards Ceremony
1:00	Competition Complete

Thank you to all of our vendors who help make the bus rodeo possible.

2026 UAPT School Bus Safety Skills Competition
May 16, 2026

"School Bus Road-E-O"

Do you have what it takes to compete?

Date: May 16, 2026
Location: Crescent View Middle School
11150 Vista Way, Sandy, UT 84070
Registration starts at 7:30- 8:00
Continental Breakfast 7:30 – 8:30
Course Orientation 8:30 – 9:00
Road-E-O Begins at 9:00
Lunch: 12:00

BACK UP STALL TEST

Contestant #_____ Event Judge_____

Maximum Score: 50 points
Demerits: _____
Score Earned: _____

		DEMERITS
Tire tread touches the wheel limitation line	(50 demerits)	_____
Bus touches the front upright standards	(50 demerits)	_____
Tire tread touches the stall sideline	(50 demerits)	_____
Bus extends into or over rear barrier	(50 demerits)	_____
Failure to pull out between the front upright standards	(50 demerits)	_____
Failure to park bus, set the parking brake and sound horn within three (3) minute time limit (Time starts when front bumper passes upright standard)	(50 demerits)	_____
Each instance of forward motion after the first back up (0) (6) (12) (18) (24) (30) (36) (42) maximum of 42 demerits	(6 demerits)	_____
Bus parked more than 1 inch off of center line each inch or fraction thereof (front and/or rear - greatest only) (2) (4) (6) (8) (10) (12) (14) maximum of 14 demerits	(2 demerits)	_____
Forward of the one-foot free zone-5 demerits for each 6" or fraction thereof (5) (10) (15) (20) (25) (30) (35) (40) (45) (50) maximum of 50 demerits	(05 demerits)	_____
Bus parked behind one-foot free zone-10 demerits for each 6" or fraction thereof (10) (20) (30) (40) (50)	(10 demerits)	_____
Failure to:		
Complete the event	(50 demerits)	_____
Wear seat belt	(50 demerits)	_____
Keep door closed during event	(50 demerits)	_____
Drive with headlights on	(50 demerits)	_____

ACTUAL TIME: _____ / _____
Min. **Sec.**

CURB LINE PARK TEST

Contestant #_____ Event Judge_____

Maximum Score: 50 points
Demerits: _____
Score Earned: _____

		DEMERITS
Hits either back or front barrier	(50 demerits)	_____
Hitting the curb with tire	(50 demerits)	_____
Furthest measurement from curb – front and rear		
0" to 12"	(00 demerits)	_____
12"to 18"	(20 demerits)	_____
18" and over	(50 demerits)	_____
Failure to use right turn signal before entry	(10 demerits)	_____
Failure to perform 5-point mirror check before entry	(25 demerits)	_____
Failure to cancel right turn signal	(10 demerits)	_____
Failure to properly park the bus, apply park brake and sound horn within 2 min. time limit.	(50 demerits)	_____
Failure to use left turn signal when leaving	(10 demerits)	_____
Failure to perform 5-point mirror check on leaving	(25 demerits)	_____
Failure to cancel left turn signal after event	(10 demerits)	_____
Backing up during event	(50 demerits)	_____
Failure to:		
Wear seat belt	(50 demerits)	_____
To complete event	(50 demerits)	_____
Drive with headlights on	(50 demerits)	_____
Keep door closed during event	(50 demerits)	_____

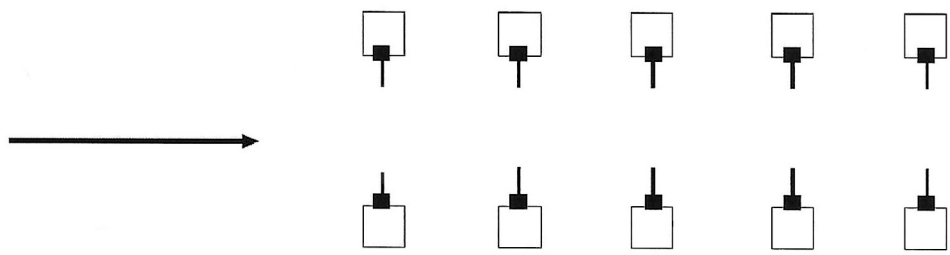
ACTUAL TIME: _____ / _____
Min. **Sec.**

DIMINISHING CLEARANCE TEST

Contestant #_____ Event Judge_____

Maximum Score: 50 points
Demerits: _____
Score Earned: _____

		DEMERITS
Each instance of jerky or uneven movement of bus (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) maximum of 10 demerits	(2 demerits)	_____
Each instance of stopping forward motion of bus (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) maximum of 20 demerits	(4 demerits)	_____
Each instance of bus touching flag tip (10) (10) (10) (10) (10) maximum of 50 demerits	(10 demerits)	_____
Bus strikes flag standard	(50 demerits)	_____
Backing up bus during event	(50 demerits)	_____
Failure to:		
Complete the event	(50 demerits)	_____
Wear Seat Belt	(50 demerits)	_____
Keep door closed during event	(50 demerits)	_____
Drive with headlights on	(50 demerits)	_____



ELEMENTARY STUDENT LOADING TEST

Contestant #_____ Event Judge_____

Maximum Score: 75 points
Demerits: _____
Score Earned: _____

		DEMERITS
Failure to perform proper mirror checks (5-point mirror checks)	(25 demerits)	_____
Failure to properly use turn signals on entry and exit of loading zone	(75 demerits)	_____
Failure to activate yellow warning lights	(75 demerits)	_____
Failure to wear seat belt	(75 demerits)	_____
Failure to complete events	(75 demerits)	_____
Backing up the bus during event	(75 demerits)	_____
Failure to drive with headlights on	(75 demerits)	_____
Keep the door closed while in motion	(25 demerits)	_____
Jerky or sudden stops	(10 demerits)	_____
Bus stopped closer than 10 feet from student (back from student)	(10 demerits)	_____
Bus stopped more than 15 ft from student (back from student)	(10 demerits)	_____
Failure to stop at least 6 ft. away from student (back from student)	(10 demerits)	_____
Failure to set parking brake and place vehicle in neutral/park before door is opened	(75 demerits)	_____
Failure to activate red crossover lights and stop arm	(75 demerits)	_____
Failure to deactivate red crossover lights and stop arm if not automatically cancelled by closing door	(75 demerits)	_____
Failure to perform proper mirror check (5 count mirror check)	(50 demerits)	_____

OFFSET ALLEY TEST

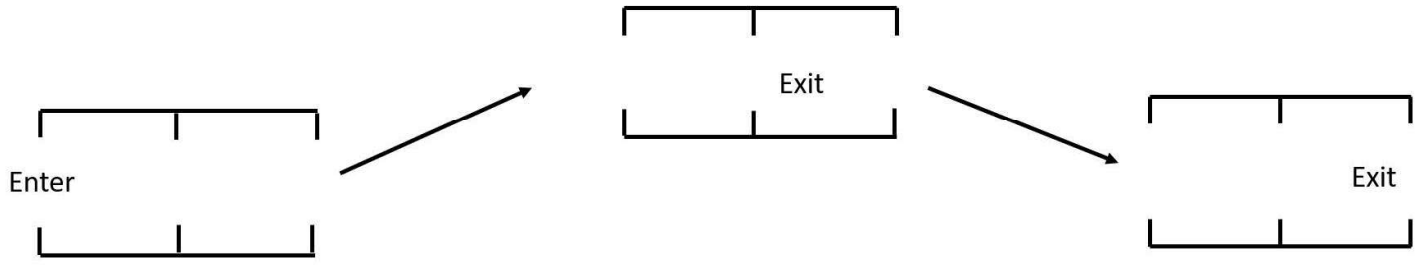
Contestant #_____ Event Judge_____

Maximum Score: 50 points
Demerits: _____
Score Earned: _____

FAILURE TO:		**DEMERITS**
Complete event in the 2-minute time limit	(50 demerits)	_____
Drive with the headlights on	(50 demerits)	_____
Wear seat belt properly	(50) demerits	_____
Keep door closed during event	(50) demerits	_____
Each instance of stopping forward motion of the bus (8)	Max. of (16 demerits)	_____
For each flag tip touched (1=7) (2=21) (3=42) (4=50)	Max. of (50 demerits)	_____
Backing during the event	(50 demerits)	_____
Vehicle touches a barrier (excluding base)	(50 demerits)	_____

Actual Time_____Min._____Sec.

Indicate which flag tip or barrier has been touched



LAYOUT & DIRECTIONS:

PARALLEL PARKING TEST

Contestant #_____ Event Judge_____

Maximum Score: 50 points
Demerits: _____
Score Earned: _____

		DEMERITS
Entering the Parking Zone		
Check each instance of backing the bus and charge 5 demerits each instance over two backs. (0) (0) (5) (10) (15) (20) (25) not to exceed 25 demerits	(05 demerits)	_____
Bus touches any barrier	(50 demerits)	_____
Tire tread touches the curb line	(50 demerits)	_____
Parking Zone Scoring Parallel to Curb:		
Zone 1 Bus parked 0"-3"	(00 demerits)	_____
Zone 2 Bus parked 3"-6"	(03 demerits)	_____
Zone 3 Bus parked 6"-9"	(06 demerits)	_____
Zone 4 Bus parked 9"-12"	(09 demerits)	_____
Zone 5 Bus parked 12"-15"	(12 demerits)	_____
Zone 6 Bus parked 15"-18"	(15 demerits)	_____
Bus parked (over 18" from curb)	(50 demerits)	_____
Exiting the Parking Zone:		
Check each instance of backing up the bus and charge 5 demerits for each instance over two backs. (0) (0) (5) (10) (15) (20) (25) not to exceed 25 demerits	(05 demerits)	_____
Bus touches any barrier	(50 demerits)	_____
Tire tread touches the curb line	(50 demerits)	_____
Failure to:		
Park the bus, set the parking brake and sound horn within the 3-minute limit	(50 demerits)	_____
Drive with the headlights on	(50 demerits)	_____
Wear seat belt	(50 demerits)	_____
Keep door closed during event	(50 demerits)	_____
Activate directional signal (entering/exiting)	(50 demerits)	_____
Cancel directional signal	(10 demerits)	_____

ACTUAL TIME: _____ / _____
Min. **Sec.**

RXR GRADE CROSSING

Contestant #_____ Event Judge_____

Maximum Score: 75 points
Demerits: _____
Score Earned: _____

APPROACH THE RXR GRADE CROSSING:

FAILURE TO:		**DEMERITS**
Complete the event	(75 demerits)	_____
Drive with headlights on or not wearing seat belt	(75 demerits)	_____
Properly use of correct signals during the event	(25 demerits)	_____
Stop between 15 and 50 feet from the nearest rail	(75 demerits)	_____
Stop, open door or window **(if applicable)** at RXR grade crossing	(75 demerits)	_____
Check the tracks in both directions and ensure that it is safe to cross	(75 demerits)	_____
Check left outside mirror(s) before crossing the tracks	(10 demerits)	_____
Check right outside mirror(s) before crossing the tracks	(10 demerits)	_____
Check inside rearview mirror before crossing the tracks	(10 demerits)	_____
Close entrance door	(25 demerits)	_____
Clear back of bus by at least 15 feet from the nearest rail after crossing the tracks	(75 demerits)	_____

RIGHT TURN TEST

Contestant # _____ Event Judge: _____

Maximum Score: 50 points
Demerits: _____
Score Earned: _____

ENTERING AND RECOVERING FROM TURN:

THIS WILL BE A TIMED EVENT. The contestant shall be allowed 15 seconds.
The time will start when the right rear outside tire enters or passes the front edge of the entry score template and will end when the right rear outside tire leaves or passes the rear edge of the recovery scoring template.

Scoring will be based on the method in which the driver enters and recovers from the turn. For scoring purposes, **the outer edge of the right outside tire tread will be used.** The right rear outside tire must pass through the entire scoring template at the beginning and completion of the turn.

Direction of Travel

Tire travel through entire scoring template

			DEMERITS
Yellow	0" to 6"	(0 demerits)	_____
Black	6" to 9"	(10 demerits)	_____
Red	9" to 12"	(20 demerits)	_____
(Off of Template)		(25 demerits)	_____

Direction of Travel

Tire travel through entire scoring template

Yellow	0" to 6"	(0 demerits)	_____
Black	6" to 9"	(10 demerits)	_____
Red	9" to 12"	(20 demerits)	_____
(Off of Template)		(25 demerits)	_____

For each instance of stopping
(5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (not to exceed 25 demerits) _____
Backing of the bus (50 demerits) _____
Any tire tread touches the curb line (50 demerits) _____

Failure to:

Activate right directional turn signal	(10 demerits)	_____
Cancel right directional turn signal	(10 demerits)	_____
Drive with the headlights on	(50 demerits)	_____
Wear seat belt	(50 demerits)	_____
Keep door closed during the event	(50 demerits)	_____
Complete event within the 15 second time limit	(50 demerits)	_____

ACTUAL TIME: _____ / _____
Min. **Sec.**

SURPRISE EVENT/SERPENTINE

Maximum Score: 50 pts.

Contestant #_____ Event Judge_____

	Maximum Score:	50 points
	Demerits:	_____
	Scored Earned:	_____
Tire touching boundary lines	(50) Demerits	_____
Touching cones	(50) Demerits	_____
Each instance of stopping forward motion of bus (10) (10) (10) (10) (10) maximum of 50 demerits	(50) Demerits	_____
Backing up bus during event	(50) Demerits	_____

Failure to:

Complete the event	(50) Demerits	_____
Drive with headlights on or not wearing seat belt	(50) Demerits	_____
Keep door closed during event	(50) Demerits	_____

STOP LINE TEST

Contestant #_____ Event Judge_____

Maximum Score: 25 points
Demerits: _____
Score Earned: _____

		DEMERITS
0"-2"	(0 demerits)	_____
Over 2" to 4"	(3 demerits)	_____
Over 4" to 6"	(6 demerits)	_____
Over 6" to 8"	(9 demerits)	_____
Over 8" to 10"	(12 demerits)	_____
Over 10" to 12"	(15 demerits)	_____
Over 12" to 14"	(18 demerits)	_____
Over 14" to 16"	(21 demerits)	_____
Over 16"	(25 demerits)	_____
Stops with bumper beyond stop line	(25 demerits)	_____
Failure to complete event	(25 demerits)	_____
Backs up during event	(25 demerits)	_____
Failure to wear seat belt	(25 demerits)	_____
Failure to keep door closed	(25 demerits)	_____
Failure to drive with headlights on	(25 demerits)	_____
Stops more than once	(25 demerits)	_____

STRAIGHT LINE TEST

Contestant #_____ Event Judge_____

Maximum Score: 50 points
Demerits: _____
Score Earned: _____

		DEMERITS
Each instance of jerky or uneven movement of bus (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (maximum of 20 demerits)	(2 demerits)	_____
Each instance of stopping forward motion (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (maximum of 20 demerits)	(4 demerits)	_____
Each instance where wheel **touches or knocks** tennis ball off (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (maximum of 50 demerits)	(5 demerits)	_____
Drives to either side of pair of tennis ball markers (10) (10) (10) (10) (10) (maximum of 50 demerits)	(10 demerits)	_____
Failure to:		
Complete the event	(50 demerits)	_____
Wear seat belt	(50 demerits)	_____
Keep door closed during event	(50 demerits)	_____
To drive with headlights on	(50 demerits)	_____
Back up during the event	(50 demerits)	_____