



## SCHOOL BUS DRIVER INTERNATIONAL SAFETY COMPETITION AT A GLANCE:

June 27-28, 2026 | Austin Marriott Downtown | Hays CISD

**Entrance fee:** Registration for the Safety Competition is \$175.00 per driver and includes your registration packet, t-shirt, baseball cap, achievement certificate, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on the day of the competition.

**Room Reservations:** Discounted room rates at the Austin Marriott Downtown are available at \$179 single/double + taxes. Reservations can be made online by clicking this link: [NSTA ROOM BLOCK](#). The room block will be available until June 5, 2026, or until the room block is full. The Austin Marriott Downtown is located approximately 15 minutes from the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (airport code AUS).

**Online Information:** Visit NSTA's website (NSTA Safety Competition) to gather additional safety competition information, such as the Driver and Competition Handbook. The Driver and Competition Handbook is your resource for all written and driving points of reference. Study up for the knowledge and skills testing.

### \*Safety Competition Agenda:

#### Monday, June 22, 2026

12:00 – 1:00 (CT) – Mandatory Online Pre-Meeting for Drivers, Judges, and Local Competition Coordinators.

#### Saturday, June 27, 2026

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)      Judge's Check-In

12:45 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)      Judge's Orientation

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)      Driver's Check-In

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)      Driver's Orientation/Testing

#### Sunday, June 28, 2026

**Driving Competition Pre-Check and Road Course Orientation:** Contestants must be available at the appointed time for their Category's (Type A, Type C, Type D) Pre-Check and Road Course Orientation at Hays CISD. All information will be disseminated at the In-Person Orientation on Saturday (June 27th). SBDISC will be prompt at 8:00 AM (CT).

Late arrival to any of the above activities may disqualify the contestant. Shuttle buses will be provided from the Austin Marriott Downtown to the competition site. In order to alleviate traffic congestion at Hays CISD, we ask that contestants and guests use shuttle buses.

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)      Pictures and Presentation of Driver Certificates

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)    Dinner and Awards Banquet

(All times are Central Time Zone and subject to change)

\*Registration, testing, and Awards Ceremony will be held at the Austin Marriott Downtown, and the skills competition site is Hays CISD. It is about a 45-minute drive, and Hays CISD will provide a shuttle from the hotel to the competition site and back on Sunday, June 28, 2026.

### **Driver Application & Payment**

The application in its entirety must be completed, and drivers will self-certify this form (no supervisor needed to complete the application). Application deadline is June 22, 2026 (but we recommend completing this application as soon as you qualify to make your travel arrangements). All payments (\$175 registration fee) are due no later than June 23, 2026. Payments must be made by check (made out to "National School Transportation Association") or credit card. Please contact NSTA directly if you wish to combine payments for contestants, but all contestants are required to complete the Contestant Entry Application. Guests can register separately using the NSTA portal.

### **What's Next?**

Once your application has been approved, you will receive a confirmation e-mail from NSTA with more details about the competition. Please ask us about our Downtime Subrogation Driver Scholarships that can provide a \$2,500.00 for Contestants to attend the SBDISC in Austin.

### **Questions?**

Contact NSTA Headquarters by phone (703) 684-3200 or by email to [info@yellowbuses.org](mailto:info@yellowbuses.org).