



California Association of School Transportation Officials

2025 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

The following information and rules are to be used by all persons interested in entering the California Association of School Transportation Officials 2025 School Bus Safety Poster Contest.

All posters submitted for entry must meet all of the criteria listed below in order to be judged. Posters not meeting the criteria will be disqualified and discarded.

WHO MAY ENTER

Entries may be submitted from any student enrolled in a public, private or parochial school in the State of California - grades K-8.

DIVISIONS

Posters shall be submitted TO YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER FOR JUDGING in the following divisions:

Division # 1 | Grades K - 3

Division # 2 | Grades 4 - 6

Division # 3 | Grades 7 - 8

Division # 4 | Special Education

DEADLINE DATE FOR ENTRY

Completed posters must be submitted electronically to the State Secretary by a local chapter representative no later than **November 15, 2024**.

For Additional Information Please Contact:

Jana Graham, State Secretary
(805) 938-8981
Jrice@orcutt-schools.net

Local chapters shall judge posters submitted to them and shall submit only one (1) POSTER from EACH DIVISION to the State Organization for judging by the State Board of Directors. All entries become the property of CASTO and may not be returned.

POSTER SPECIFICATIONS

Completed Poster size shall be 12" X 18" with a 1" space at the bottom where the entry blank shall be attached. Poster may be illustrated on the vertical or horizontal axis. The CASTO School Bus Safety Poster entry blank or a reasonable facsimile, with all information typed or printed and signed by the teacher, shall be securely attached to the lower left corner of the poster entry.

Design shall be submitted on quality tag poster board, or heavy paper. Construction paper may be used.

POSTER THEME

The poster and slogan must harmonize with the theme and contain correct safety concepts, and be the exclusive work of the student entering the poster in idea, design and execution.

This year's theme: **"Safety First, Safety Always"**

Contestants must illustrate the above theme. Illustration should be positive in approach, demonstrating only proper school bus safety behaviors. At least part of a yellow school bus must be present in the poster.

LETTERING

Freehand-drawn letters only may be used on the poster design. Stenciled, pre printed, manufactured stick-on letters or tracings of letters may not be used. Lettering should be clearly legible, even if used as part of the poster design.

COLOR AND MEDIA

There is no limitation on the use and number of colors. There is no limitation on the media such as print, crayon, cut paper, 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. Poster designs may not incorporate any copyrighted character (i.e., comic newspaper illustrations).

JUDGING

Posters must be submitted to local CASTO chapters for judging at the local level. The winning poster from each of the four (4) divisions at the local level shall be submitted by the local chapter electronically to the CASTO State Secretary no later than **November 15, 2025**. Submitted posters will be judged at the December 7th, 2024 State Board Meeting.

All posters shall be judged on the following criteria:

- A. Relationship of the poster design to school bus safety practices.
- B. Originality of the poster and how the idea is expressed in the poster design.
- C. Artwork and its execution.
- D. Visual impact of the poster design.

All posters become the property of the California Association of School Transportation Officials. The right to modify any poster for reproduction is reserved by the CASTO Poster Committee, comprised of Members of CASTO, School Bus Manufacturers and Suppliers.

PRIZES

Local Level:

Local chapters shall determine prizes at the local level. Please contact your local chapter representative for information on prizes at the local level.

State Level:

Prizes have been set at:

First Place in each division will receive:

- 1. \$150.00 U.S. Savings Bond
- 2. \$100.00 cash to be spent on a class party

The winner for each division will be notified to submit their social security number to receive the U.S. Savings Bond. Savings Bond will be issued by the U.S. Treasury.

The winner of the poster contest will be honored at the annual State Conference with a presentation of their original poster in recognition for their work. The original poster shall be framed for presentation.

Any questions should be addressed to your local chapter representative:

Name:

Phone:

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