



National Association
of State Directors
of Pupil Transportation Services

Press Release

Increased State Survey Participation Shows Illegal Passing Still Prevalent

July 21, 2016

Baltimore, Maryland- Today, the national association representing state directors of pupil transportation released the results of its 6th annual survey on illegal passing of school buses. In a record 33 states throughout the country, plus the District of Columbia, almost 20 percent of the nation's school bus drivers participated in a one-day survey to report how many times motorists passed their stopped school buses illegally. Over 96,000 school bus drivers reported that 74,421 vehicles passed their buses illegally on a single day. Throughout a 180-day school year, these sample results point to more than 13 million violations among America's motoring public.

"We know that students are far safer in school buses, but when they are outside the bus, they are more vulnerable to injury or death," said Leon Langley, president of the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS). "This survey captured only a fraction of the violations that bus drivers and traffic officers know all too well are occurring each and every day throughout the United States. It verifies that, unfortunately, motorists continue to pass school buses at an alarming rate." Added Langley, "Any driver who passes a stopped school bus illegally is endangering children and is subject to significant fines and possibly other penalties. The survey results demonstrate the importance of redoubling our efforts to educate the motoring public about the potentially tragic consequences of violating school bus stopping laws."

NASDPTS first coordinated the annual survey in 2011, and the results have been unfortunately consistent. In 2011, 76,685 illegal passes were documented during the one-day survey. In 2012, 88,025 illegal passes were reported. There were 85,279 in 2013, 75,966 in 2014, and 78,518 in 2015. The surveys have brought attention to the issue, and several states have adopted more stringent safety countermeasures, such as improved motorist education, increased fines, and more law enforcement, including increasing use of photo and video evidence from cameras mounted on the sides of school buses.

Reducing illegal passing and ensuring children the safest possible trip to and from school requires a comprehensive approach, involving education of students, motorists, and school bus drivers, frequent, visible enforcement, and advances in school bus equipment and other technologies. NASDPTS supports state and local laws and campaigns to remind the driving public to put away their phones and avoid distractions while driving. Everyone's full attention must be devoted to the task of driving safely, and particular caution must be exercised in the vicinity of school buses and students.

The National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services encourages state directors, local school districts, law enforcement agencies, legislators, and America's motoring public to continue efforts and reduce the ongoing threat to the safety of students posed by distracted driving and illegal passing.

Complete information on the project, including the detailed 2016 survey results, can be found at www.nasdpts.org/stoparm or by contacting North Carolina's State Director, Derek Graham (Derek.Graham@dpi.nc.gov), or NASDPTS Executive Director, Charlie Hood (ExecDir@nasdpts.org).

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2016 Survey on Illegal Passing of School Buses--Summary Results

Name of Person Reporting	State	Survey Date	Number of Participating Bus Drivers	Illegal Passes Observed			Passed From		Passed On	
				AM	Mid-day	PM	Front	Rear	Left	Right
Dennis Watson	AK	05/11/2016	843	120	0	99	142	77	219	0
Chad Carpenter	AL	06/30/2016	9,504	649	0	856	1,211	294	1,447	58
Mike Simmons	AR	04/26/2016	2,491	266	0	440	564	142	677	29
Anna Borges	CA	04/12/2016	4,228	12,240	1,690	12,449	11,887	14,492	26,379	0
Local Reporting	CO	Various	841	273	29	209	337	181	448	14
Local Reporting	CT	Various	35	26	5	28	40	26	48	1
Gretchen Brumley	DC	04/06/2016	532	378	37	272	372	315	687	0
Ron Love	DE	05/06/2016	1,543	436	11	459	492	414	880	26
Local Reporting	FL	Various	8,007	4,625	167	4,831	5,363	4,086	9,127	329
T. Carlton Allen	GA	04/20/2016	11,237	3,958	36	4,295	5,703	2,586	8,177	112
James Kauhi	HI	04/15/2016	85	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Max Christensen	IA	05/13/2016	1,246	66	7	92	114	51	158	7
Combined Local and State Reporting	IL	05/12/2016	6,164	1,186	216	1,351	2,093	660	2,675	78
Michael LaRocco	IN	04/26/2016	8,272	1,302	117	1,535	2,374	580	2,911	43
Local Reporting	KS	Various	2,163	421	52	520	736	233	952	11
Leon Langley	MD	04/20/2016	5,428	2,007	250	2,077	2,987	1,346	4,201	133
Local Reporting	ME	Various	622	58	15	67	125	7	138	0
Local Reporting	MI	Various	1,177	235	35	272	361	161	511	8
Lt. Brian Reu	MN	04/20/2016	2,621	250	10	270	454	75	520	9
Derek Graham	NC	03/16/2016	13,035	1,346	38	1,810	2,226	980	3,015	177
Don Williams	ND	05/11/2016	132	37	4	33	51	23	70	4
Local Reporting	NE	Various	390	39	10	36	51	34	84	1
Adam Greenwood	NM	04/27/2016	1,267	220	13	242	381	94	464	11
Diana Hollander	NV	05/19/2016	875	1,130	64	1,321	1,563	952	2,495	20
Peter Manella	NY	05/18/2016	1,359	445	15	542	358	113	954	48
Robert Harmon	OH	05/16/2016	147	65	0	0	65	0	65	0
Richard Podmore	SC	04/06/2016	1,491	222	11	316	341	183	521	9
Rebecca Rocha	TX	04/27/2016	2,726	1,320	84	1,522	1,782	1,144	2,829	97
Local Reporting	UT	Various	28	2	2	2	6	0	6	0
Local Reporting	VA	Various	241	79	3	96	121	48	166	0
Patrick J McManamon	VT	05/23/2016	45	8	0	9	7	10	14	3
Allan J Jones	WA	05/05/2016	3,792	702	70	794	847	718	1,517	47
Sherry Sadler	WV	04/13/2016	2,422	142	2	232	349	27	372	4
David Koskelowski	WY	02/10/2016	1,551	40	12	45	NA	NA	NA	NA
Totals	33 States plus DC		96,540	34,293	3,005	37,123	43,504	30,052	72,728	1,279
				46.1%	4.0%	49.9%	59.1%	40.9%	98.3%	1.7%
				74,421						

July 20, 2016

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Person Responding:	Jimmy Lacy	
Number of Bus Drivers Completing Survey:	139	<i>NOTE: Include all participating bus drivers, even those who reported no illegal passing.</i>

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1220			<u>1</u>	1		1	
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