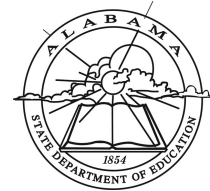




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State Superintendent of Education

March 19, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey 
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: REMINDER - School Bus Illegal Passing Survey

This memorandum is being sent to remind you that the 2026 Illegal School Bus Passing Survey will be conducted on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. This is our annual statewide survey regarding motorists who illegally pass school buses that are stopped to load or unload students. The driver survey form can be found on page 39 of the **Alabama School Bus Driver Record and Report Book**.

In order to obtain adequate data, it is very important that we have the highest level of participation in this survey by our school systems; therefore, if your system has a conflict with the April 15, 2026, date set for the survey, you may use April 8 or April 22, 2026, as alternate dates. The illegal passing survey results will be reported in the AIM Portal. Detailed instructions can be found under the "Help" tab in the "School Bus Illegal Passing Survey" app. **Completed system surveys can be submitted through April 30, 2026.** It is not necessary to mail any original tally sheet or individual driver surveys.

If you have not already done so, please communicate with your school bus drivers to remind them to collect the data. They should also be instructed as to how the information will be collected and reported for your school system. **The survey is designed so that no data recording will be necessary during any school bus routes. Remind drivers that student safety is their main responsibility.** Also, remind drivers that with the implementation of the illegal passing law, the only passing of buses on divided four-lane highways that should be recorded are those that occur from behind the bus. Motorists on the opposite side of a divided four-lane highway and traveling in the opposite direction from a school bus are no longer required to stop.

All transportation supervisors and their designees should be given proper permissions to the "School Bus Illegal Passing Survey" app. Instructions for this can be found on page 4 of the user guide referenced above.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this safety project. Please contact Mr. Chad Carpenter, Program Administrator, Pupil Transportation Section, at 334-694-4545 if you have questions.

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