

**Welcome
to the
55th Annual
Kansas School Transportation Safety Conference**

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Info for special conference events:

Wednesday

If you are attending the competition be sure you bring a lawn chair, wear comfortable clothing/shoes, any snacks/drinks you may want, umbrella (for shade if it's not raining), sunscreen and lots of enthusiasm for those competing on the course.

Thursday

Our wonderful vendors have requested one-on-one time with just those individuals who purchase equipment for their respective school district. The first hour of the vendor showcase will be open only to those individuals who have been identified according to the position they hold as indicated on their registration form by a special icon on their conference ID. The vendor showcase will open to everyone at 6:15pm.

Friday

Doors for banquet seating will open at 5:30pm and meal service begins at 6pm. We ask that dress for the banquet be business casual professional at a minimum.

2025 KSPTA Conference Agenda

Tuesday, June 3

7:00-8:00 pm Early Conference / Competitor Check-In

Wednesday, June 4 – Competition Day (all events to be held at 2500 S. 199th St., W, Goddard, KS)

5:00am Set up begins at Goddard High School (board members only)

6:00am Competitor/Judges Sign-In (Breakfast provided by Goddard USD 265)

7:00am Competitor & Judges Orientations
Course Drive Thru with competitors followed by course drive thru with troopers
Competition begins

11:30am Lunch Service Begins
Course will shut down to allow judges time to eat

12:30pm Driving Competition Resumes

Thursday, June 5

8:00am Conference check-in for new arrivals
Written Test for Competing Drivers

8:30am KSPTA Business Meeting

9:00am Break

9:15am Opening Session – Dana Rosen
Trustworthy Leadership

10:45am Break

11:00am Breakout Sessions – Choose 1
1) Role of School Transportation as Mandated Reporters – Trish Backman
2) Troubleshooting School Bus Mechanical Issues – Randy Collins
3) Special Needs Transportation – Kristia Kastens, Wichita USD 259

12:00pm Lunch

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- 1:15pm Keynote Session – Dana Rosen
Unlocking Solutions: The power of Crucial Conversations in Conflict Resolution
- 2:30pm Break
- 2:45pm Breakout Sessions – Choose 1
1) Implementing Emergency Safety Interventions – Trish Backman
2) Wheelchair Securement Basics – Trish Nolen
3) Successfully Implementing ELDT – Tim McKiernan, Barton Community College
- 3:45pm Break
- 4:00pm Keynote Session – Dana Rosen
Which Came First, The Chicken or the Egg?
Understanding the Connection Between Adult and Student Behaviors
- 5:15pm Vendor Show Opens (first hour is open only to those who are actually buyers at their district)
- 6:15pm Vendor Show Opens to all

Friday, June 6

- 8:00am Opening Session – Matt Upton
Mental Health and Well-Being of School Transportation Personnel
- 9:30am Break
- 10:00am Breakout Sessions – Choose 1
1) Child Securement Basics – Dennis Tate
2) Preparing for a Successful CDL Exam – Tim McKiernan, BCCC
3) Camera Systems – Shane Burns
- 11:00am Keynote Session – Matt Upton
Managing Challenges and Course Corrections
- 12:30pm Lunch

1:15pm	Breakout Sessions – Choose 1 1) Transportation Q&A – Dennis Tate 2) Buying School Vehicles Using RFP Process – Keith Dreiling
2:15pm	Break
2:45pm	Closing Keynote – Matt Upton Building Connections with Students
4:00pm	(or conclusion of final speaker) Closing Remarks and Announcements
5:30pm	Doors open for banquet seating
6:00pm	Meal service begins
7:00pm	Awards ceremony begins