

On April 18, 2012, 46 district transportation departments from across the state participated in a voluntary "Stop Arm Violators Survey." The purpose of the survey was to identify the number of cars that illegally pass a school bus while actively involved (red lights flashing, stop arm extended) in loading or unloading students. CDE aggregated the information and submitted it to the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) to be compiled for a statistical snapshot of violations that occur in one day across the US.

The 46 districts submitted the following information:

1,833 drivers participated in the survey (about 1/3 of the daily average of drivers on the road)

205 drivers reported between 2 and 13 cars passing at one stop

1,063 cars illegally passed

2 bicycles illegally passed

279 passed on morning routes

29 passed on mid-day routes

216 passed on afternoon routes

458 passed from the front of the bus

209 passed from the rear of the bus

608 passed on the left side

14 passed on the right side

This information will help create awareness of safety issues related to transporting students on school buses. Thank you to the districts that participated in the survey!