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DSHS STUDENTS WIN TAPT REGIONAL CONTEST

Dripping Springs High School students took first place at three different grade levels - 10th, 11th and 12th -- at the Texas Association for Pupil Transportation (TAPT) Region 13 Speech Contest. Seeley Haas took top honors among senior competitors, Catherine Manning placed first among juniors, and Riley Wheaton won the sophomore division. The event was held Feb. 28 at the Hays CISD Performing Arts Center.

This year's topic was "My School Bus, the Safest Form of Student Transportation!" Competitors researched, wrote, memorized and delivered six-minute speeches. They will now advance to the state contest, which will be held in Waco April 30, 2018. State winners receive scholarship payment ranging from \$1,000 (overall first place) to \$200 (third place). Seeley won the state contest as both a sophomore and a junior.