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DSHS STUDENTS WIN TAPT STATE SPEECH CONTEST

DSHS senior Seeley Haas and sophomore Riley Wheaton won first place statewide for their grade division in the Texas Association for Pupil Transportation (TAPT) School Bus Safety Speech Contest. Haas also took the overall first-place award, recording the highest score of the contest. As the overall winner, she will be presenting her speech at TAPT Conference Scholarship Breakfast this June in Corpus Christi. Students wrote and delivered a four- to six-minute memorized speech on the topic "My School Bus, the Safest Form of Transportation." Grade level winners received a \$600 scholarship check and the overall winner received \$1,000.

The girls qualified for the state competition after winning their grade level at the Region 13 competition in February. For Seeley, this marks the third consecutive year she has won her age division at the state contest, after placing third as a freshman.