

Do you know the law when you confront a School Bus?

- Flashing yellow or amber lights mean the bus is preparing to stop and pickup or discharge students. It is not illegal to pass the bus at this point. Be prepared, the lights may change to red very quickly.
- Flashing red lights with the stop arm extended means you must stop. The driver is in the process of loading or discharging students. The reds are activated by the service door being opened. If you pass now the students are at serious risk of being injured. When the driver reports this infraction you may be ticketed immediately.
- You don't have to stop for a school bus, with its reds on, if you are on a four lane road or divided highway. This only applies if you are heading in the opposite direction and not trailing the School Bus. Consequently a school bus driver will never cross students on this type of roadway.
- A driver's open hand in the bus window is a signal to students outside the bus. They are not waving at you or signaling you to come on thru.
- It is legal for emergency vehicles, with sirens on, to pass a stopped school bus.
- A school bus must stop at all railroad crossings. They use their four way hazard lights and set their parking brakes at the crossing. An approaching vehicle may pass the bus at the crossing.
- School busses don't use warning or hazard lights in a school loading zone. They always load or unload on the curb side of the school and off the traveled roadway. Please be aware of darting children.
- School busses will park bumper to bumper in a loading zone to prevent students or parents from walking between them. Please teach your child to stay at least ten feet away from a parked school bus. This area is called the danger zone.
- Obey all loading zone signs at the schools. The police will ticket you if you park in these designated areas. Many buildings have multiple busses servicing their students. Please be considerate of the student's needs and safety.

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