

SCHOOL BUS FACTS:

- School buses are very safe, but the most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on or off the bus. The loading and unloading area is called the “**Danger Zone**” and consists of the 10-foot area in front or in back of the bus and 10-feet on either side of the bus.
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 35% of pedestrian fatalities in school transportation-related crashes are children ages 5-13.
- Young children are more likely to be struck because they:
 - hurry to get on and off the bus
 - act before they think
 - have little experience with traffic
 - assume motorists will see them and wait for them to cross the street
 - don’t always stay within the bus driver’s sight

PLEASE REMIND CHILDREN:

- If something falls under or near a bus, tell the driver. **NEVER** try to pick it up yourself!
- While waiting for the bus, stay in a safe place away from the street and danger zone.
- When you get on or off a bus, look left, right, left before you enter or cross the street.
- When the driver says it is safe to cross the street, remember to cross **IN FRONT** of the bus.
- Stay in your seat and sit quietly so that the driver is not distracted.

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More information on school bus safety can be found at the following websites:

www.AmericanSchoolBusCouncil.org

www.dot.state.fl.us/Safety

www.fldoe.org/transportation

www.flhsmv.gov/safety-center/vehicle-consumer-and-child-safety/child-safety/

www.NAPT.org

www.NASDPTS.org

www.ncsrsafety.org/key-issues/school-bus-stop-arm-safety/

www.NCSTonline.org

www.NHTSA.gov/School-Buses

www.yellowbuses.org



For School Buses



**It's More Than Just the Law...
It's a Child's Life!**

Stop on Red, Kids Ahead
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In a 180-day school year, it is estimated that there are almost 2 million illegal “pass-by’s” of Florida school buses, each representing the possibility of tragic injuries or fatalities to students.

Twenty-five million children ride school buses to and from school each day. Each year, there are about 15 pedestrian fatalities at school bus stops in the United States.

Florida motor vehicle law requires that all vehicles must come to a complete stop for any bus that displays a stop signal, and must remain stopped until the signal has been withdrawn.

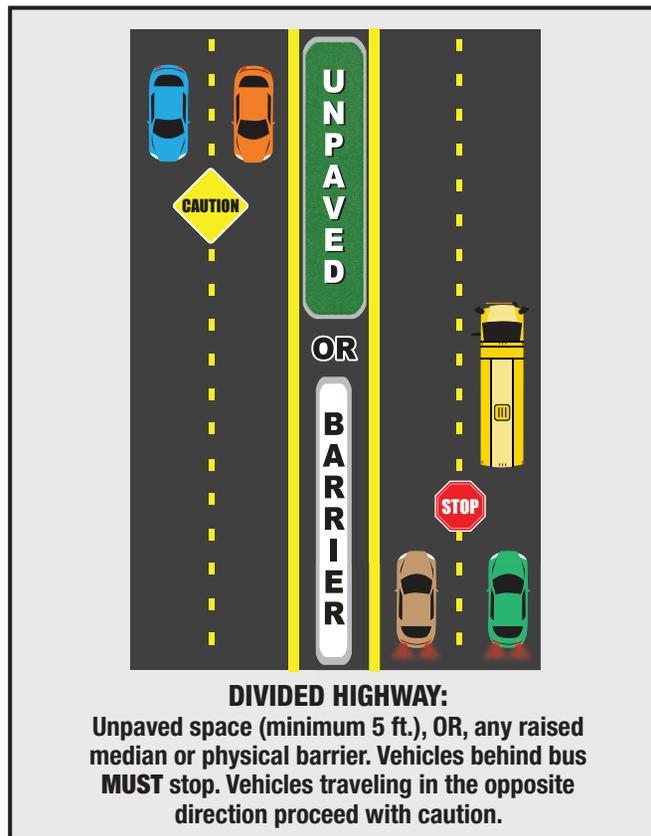
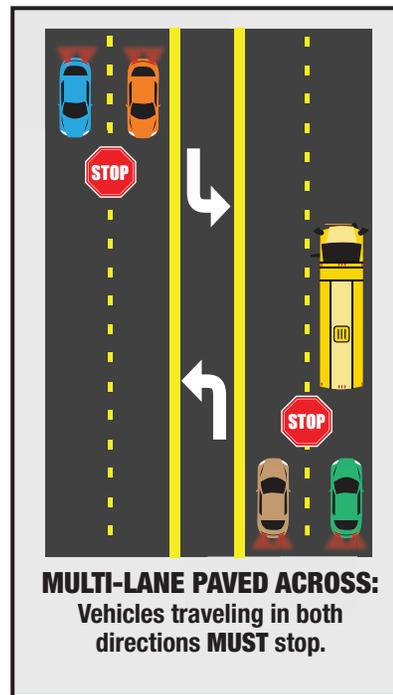
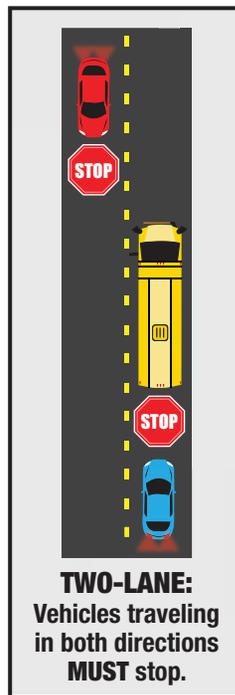
Vehicles on a divided highway with an unpaved space of at least 5 feet, a raised median, or a physical barrier are not required to stop when traveling in the opposite direction of a school bus displaying a stop signal.

If you violate the law, you commit a moving violation and:

- The minimum civil penalty is \$100 for failure to stop for a school bus.
- In addition to this penalty, drivers with a second or subsequent offense within a period of 5 years will have their license suspended from a minimum of 90 days to a maximum of 6 months.
- The minimum civil penalty for passing a school bus on the side that children enter and exit when the school bus displays a stop signal is \$200.
- In addition to this penalty, drivers with a second or subsequent offense within a period of 5 years, will have their license suspended from a minimum of 180 days to a maximum of 1 year.

The following illustrations describe the laws regarding school bus safety and provide helpful advice.

See Florida Statute 316.172



Children Getting On The School Bus



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Remember, the inconvenience of an extra few seconds spent waiting for a stopped school bus is insignificant compared to the loss of a child's life.



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