

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY QUIZ

Answer Yes or No to each statement.

1	You must stop your vehicle no less than 25 feet from a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing except when the bus is loading or unloading at the school on the same side of the street as the school or when there is a safety island or other physical barrier between you and the bus.
2	You must stop your vehicle not less than 25 feet from a stopped school bus with flashing red lights when traveling on the same side of the roadway.
3	You may pass a stopped school bus with flashing red lights at a speed not more than 10 mph when you're traveling on the opposite side of a divided highway.
4	You may pass a school bus with flashing red lights which is parked directly in front of a school, on the same side as the school, to pick up or drop off students, at a speed of not more than 10 mph.
5	For the first offense, drivers who violate the law related to passing stopped school buses face fines not less than \$100, 15 days in jail, or 15 days of community service or both.
6	For a subsequent offense, drivers who violate the law related to passing stopped school buses face fines of not less than \$250 and 15 days in jail.
7	A violation of the law related to passing stopped school buses is a 5 point penalty for each offense.

### Score yourself:

Number of "No" Answers

(1-2) Good      (3-4) Fair      (5-7) Poor

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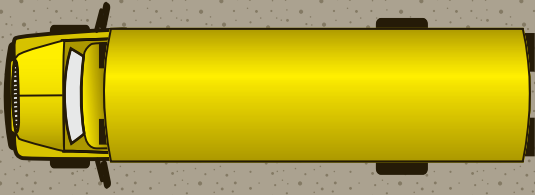
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# AN EQUATION FOR SAFETY



**SCHOOL BUS + FLASHING RED LIGHT**

**= STOP**



You might think that if you do not see school students, driving by a stopped school bus and ignoring its flashing red lights is okay. It is not okay.

In fact, it's illegal. And it could turn deadly.

Nationally, over the past 32 years, **414 students have been killed** while in the process of being picked up or dropped off by a school bus. This translates into almost 13 deaths each year over the last three decades.

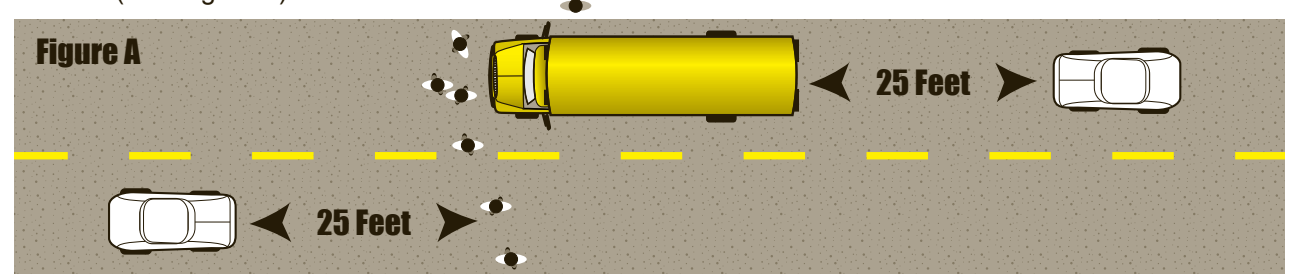
Those motorists either did not know what flashing red lights meant or disregarded them. These drivers caused hundreds of deaths that could have easily been prevented.

To prevent more deaths like these, learn the law and obey it.

**25 Feet  
Away from  
the Bus is  
Closer to Safety**

## The Law – Passing Stopped School Buses (39:4-128.1)

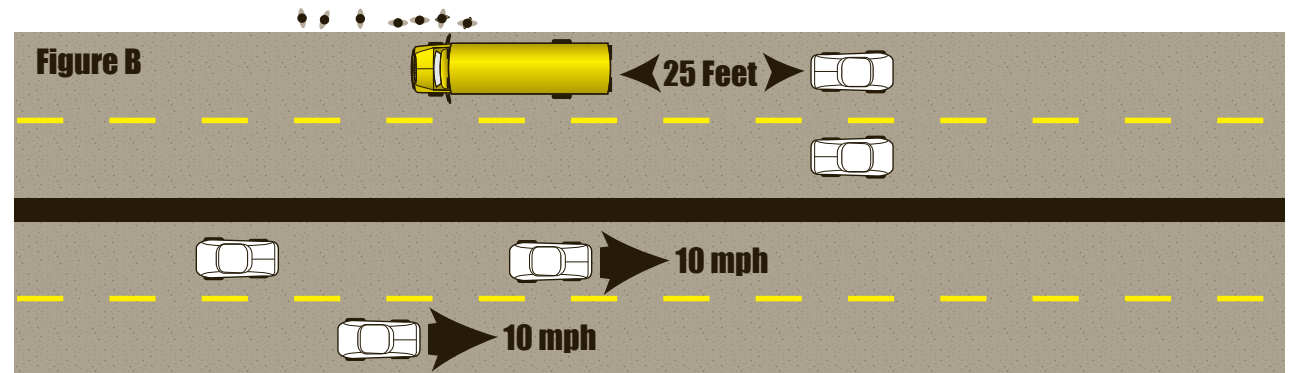
1) On a two-lane highway, or other road not divided by some type of physical barrier, stop at least 25 feet from a stopped school bus with flashing red lights whether or not you are traveling in the same direction as the bus. (See Figure A)



2) Stop at least 25 feet from a stopped school bus with flashing red lights if you are on a divided highway and on the same side of the highway as the school bus. (See Figure B)

Remain stopped until all students are safely on the bus or on the side of the highway, and until the bus's flashing red lights have been turned off.

3) Vehicles approaching a stopped school bus – but from the opposite side of a divided highway – that is picking up or letting off students may pass at 10 mph or less and must remain at that speed until completely past the stopped school bus. (See Figure B)



4) Travel no faster than 10 mph by a stopped school bus that is picking up or letting off students directly at a school (or day camp or any school-related activity) located on the same side of the highway where the school bus is stopped.

**Note:** School bus drivers are required to use flashing red lights when their bus is stopped to pick up or drop off students, and until every student is safely on the bus or clear of the bus and highway.

## Fines & Points

A violation of these laws results in a \$100 fine, and up to 15 days in jail or up to 15 days community service for a first offense. For subsequent offenses, violators can receive a \$250 fine or more and up to 15 days in jail. Five points are added to a driver's record for each offense.