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## Attention All Drivers: Please Stop for the School Bus!



**When a school bus is stopped on a roadway to pick up or drop off passengers, other vehicles on the roadway must STOP. This is Ohio state law.**

When the bus stops to pick up children, four red lights—two in front and two in back—start flashing as children enter or leave the bus. In addition, a stop sign with flashing red lights is automatically extended beneath the window on the left side of the bus. A stop arm extends from the curbside of the front bus bumper forward.

If the school bus is stopped on a roadway with fewer than four lanes, all traffic in both directions must stop and remain stopped until the bus begins to move or the warning devices are turned off.

If the school bus is stopped on a street or road with four or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop.

Emergency vehicles, as well as all other vehicles, must follow this law in the State of Ohio.

Note: In the State of Ohio, school bus drivers believing a motorist has unlawfully passed the stopped bus will, if possible, report the license plate number to the local law enforcement agency. If the law enforcement agency determines the identity of the driver, the reporting of the license plate number establishes probable cause on which to issue a citation. The fine for passing a stopped school bus can be up to \$500 and a maximum one-year license suspension.

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