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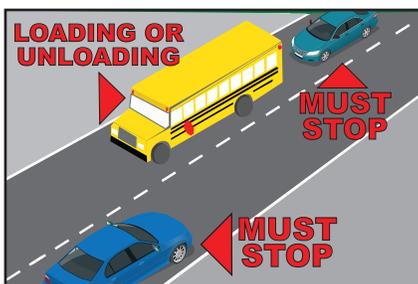
## Keeping Children Safe

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- ◆ When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- ◆ You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- ◆ **DO NOT MOVE** until all the children have reached a place of safety.

### KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

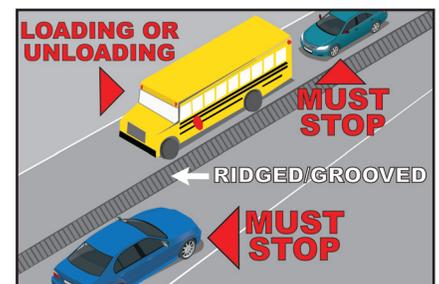
- ◆ 1.5 million children are transported on Pennsylvania roads each day.
- ◆ These children are transported approximately 400 million miles to school each year.
- ◆ To further promote safety, school vehicles may be equipped with a yellow flashing or revolving light.
- ◆ Every year, children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with or without painted lines.



You **MUST STOP** at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic **MUST** stop.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with ridged/grooved dividers.

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## PENALTIES

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive all of the following penalties:

- ◆ 60-Day Driver's License Suspension
- ◆ Five (5) points on your driving record
- ◆ \$250 Fine

The penalties listed above apply when passing a school bus that is not equipped with a side stop signal arm enforcement system.

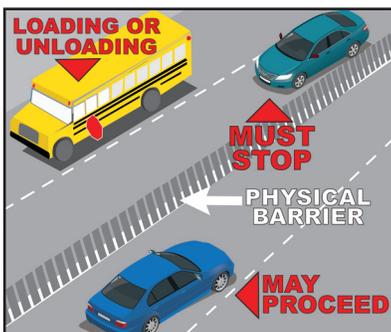
If you are issued a violation for passing a school bus equipped with a side stop signal arm enforcement system, you will receive a \$300 fine if found liable.

Annually, more than 700 drivers are convicted for passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing.

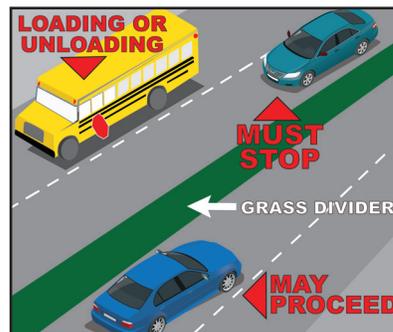
## SEPARATE ROADWAYS

Drivers may proceed on a highway with clearly defined dividing sections or physical barriers providing separate roadways. This only applies when the school bus is on the opposite side of the road.

*If In Doubt, STOP!*



Physical barriers include concrete median barriers, metal median barriers, guide rails, etc.



Clearly indicated dividing sections include trees or shrubs, rocks or boulders, a stream, grass, etc.



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For more information on Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, including an animated graphic demonstrating when you must stop, visit [www.penndot.pa.gov/safety](http://www.penndot.pa.gov/safety) and click on "Traffic Safety & Driver Topics" and then "School Bus Safety".