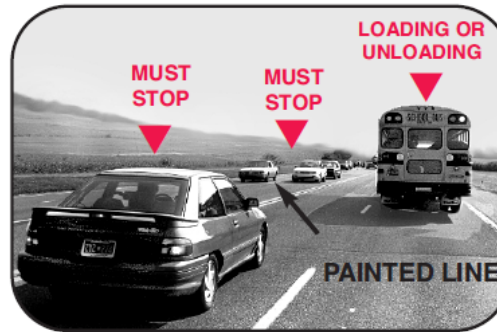


Tips for Parents/Students

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic. Line up at least five giant steps away from the curb or the roadway to wait for the bus.
- Never run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.
- Never push when getting on or off of the school bus.
- Always walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus when crossing so that the school bus driver can see you.
- Be aware – Cross with Care! Wait until the school bus has stopped all traffic before stepping out onto the road.
- When the school bus is moving, always stay in your seat. Never put your head, arms or hands out of the window.
- Talk quietly; do not distract your school bus driver.
- If your school bus crosses railroad tracks, be calm and quiet so that your driver can listen for a train. Always obey your school bus driver's instructions, so that he or she can make safe decisions.
- Never play with the emergency exits. Backpacks, band instruments, or sports equipment may not block the aisle or emergency exits. If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions.
- When getting off of the school bus, make sure that all drawstrings and other loose objects are secure so that they don't get caught on the handrail or the door.
- Never cross the street behind the school bus.
- If you leave something on the bus or drop something outside of the bus, never go back for it. The driver may not see you and begin moving the bus.



If In Doubt, **STOP!**



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with 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

Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law



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Police Department
4444 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104

Emergency: 9-1-1
Lehigh County Dispatch: 610-437-5252
PD Administration Office: 610-398-0337
Police Fax: 610.391.9471
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Pennsylvania Vehicle Code

PAVC 3345(a) Meeting or Overtaking School Bus

When a School Bus is stopped on a highway or traffic way with its red lights flashing and side arm extended, a driver following or approaching must stop at least 10 feet from reaching the bus and remain stationary until the lights on the bus are turned off or the children who may have alighted (stepped down or dismounted) have reached a place of safety.

The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which a School Bus is stopped shall stop his vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal lights on the School Bus are no longer activated.

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive the following additional Penalties including the above fine and costs:

- FINE \$250.00
- EMS \$10.00
- MCARE \$50.00
- COSTS \$37.50
- JCP / ATJ \$10.00
- Total Costs Due \$357.50
- 60 Day Driver's License Suspension
- Five (5) points on your driving record

School bus safety is a high priority in Pennsylvania. Students, parents, teachers, administrators, transportation personnel and the motoring public all play important roles in keeping our children safe while on or around the school bus.

Parkland School Districts mission is to provide safe and efficient transportation for all the students of the Parkland School District.

Every day, the Parkland School District:

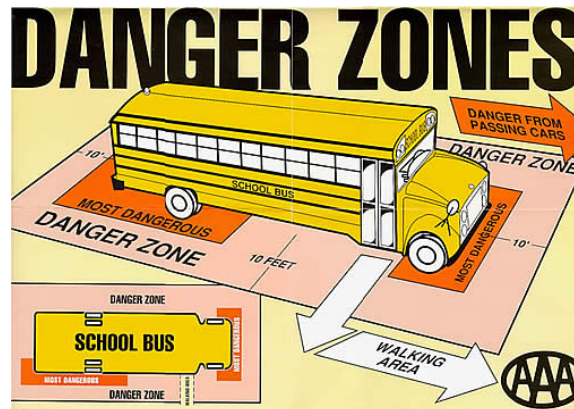
- transports nearly **10,000 students**
- from within the **72 square miles** of the District
- on **156 school buses and school vehicles**
- to 10 PSD Schools & 50 other schools within a 10 mile radius of district boundaries

Every year, Parkland School District vehicles travel **1.4 million miles (2.25 million km)**, equivalent to **driving around the Earth approximately 56 times!** Or, making nearly **3 round trips to the moon!**

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.parklandsd.org/departments/transportation/>

<http://www.justdrivepa.org/traffic-safety-information-center/school-bus-safety/>



Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law

- Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended.
- Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.
- Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.
- If physical barriers such as grassy median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.
- Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

