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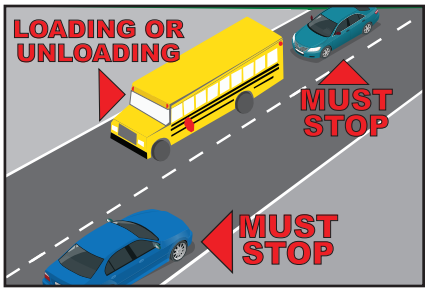
Keeping Children Safe

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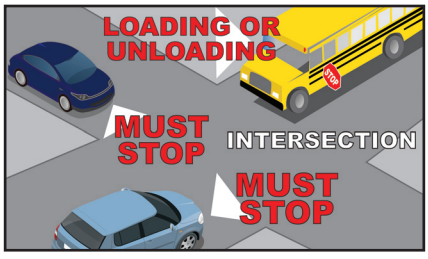
- When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm activated, you **MUST STOP.**
- When approaching a school bus with flashing amber lights, **SLOW DOWN** and be **PREPARED TO STOP.**
- When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm activated, 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- You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.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

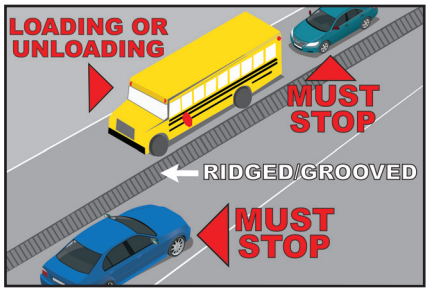
- 1.5 million children are transported on Pennsylvania roads each day.
- These children are transported approximately 400 million miles to school each year.
- To further promote safety, school vehicles may be equipped with a yellow flashing or revolving light.
- Every year, children are needlessly injured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

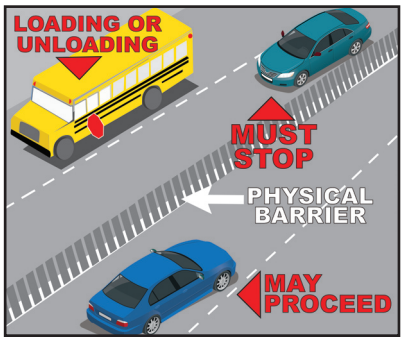
The penalties for violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Laws are as follows:

- **Criminal Penalties -- Penalties listed below apply for citations issued by law enforcement for passing a school bus with red lights flashing and stop arm activated.**
  - **60-Day Driver's License Suspension, Five (5) points on your driving record, and a $250 Fine.**
- **Civil Penalties -- Penalty listed below applies when you are issued a violation for passing a school bus equipped with an automated side stop signal arm enforcement system.**
  - **$300 fine, No effect to your driving record (no suspension and no points).**

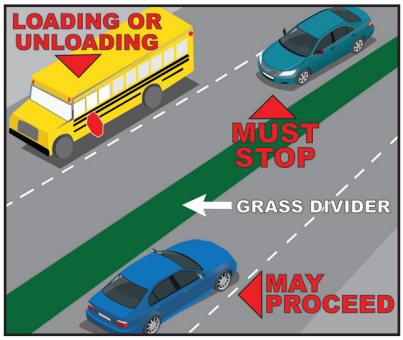
SEPARATE ROADWAYS

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 and click on "Traffic Safety & Driver Topics" and then "School Bus Safety".