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## **Pittsburgh Public Schools Releases School Bus Safety Data: Program Changes Driver Behavior, but Thousands Still Break the Law**

***Videos of Dangerous Illegal Passings Caught on Camera Available [Here](#)***

PITTSBURGH, July 15, 2025 – Pittsburgh Public Schools today revealed troubling new data regarding illegal school bus passings during the 2024-25 school year. The data from its school bus safety program with BusPatrol reveals the initiative is helping to change driver behavior, but the work is far from over.

“At Pittsburgh Public Schools, nothing matters more than the safety of our students”, said Superintendent Dr. Wayne N. Walters. “As unsafe driving habits continue around our school buses, it’s more important than ever that we enforce the law and protect the children who rely on us daily.”

Between August 26, 2024, and June 12, 2025, 10,989 motorists failed to stop for a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing in Pittsburgh. Officials report that more than 95% of violations were first-time offenses, a strong indication that the program is deterring repeat behavior.

Pittsburgh Public Schools partnered with BusPatrol in May 2023 to modernize its fleet of more than 200 school buses with AI-powered safety cameras to detect vehicles that illegally pass stopped school buses and endanger children. The video evidence is then reviewed by the Pittsburgh Public Schools Police who determine if a violation has occurred and should be issued.

As seen through the program, a series of new video of motorists caught on camera illegally passing stopped school buses in Pittsburgh can be viewed here: [Pittsburgh Close Calls](#).

The footage also includes near misses, giving the public a firsthand look into the reckless driving that endangers children stepping on and off a school bus every day.

“We’re seeing fewer repeat violations, which means the message is getting through,” said Justin Meyers, President and Chief Innovation Officer at BusPatrol. “But there’s still work to be done. This program is about curbing reckless driving habits, protecting kids, and building a culture of safety around every school bus.”

The new data also highlighted the bus stops where most violations occurred during the 2024-25 school year: the 5300 block of Fifth Ave saw the highest number with 392



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violations. The 5800 block of Fifth Ave and the 5500 block of Penn Ave followed with 361 and 272 tickets illegal passing incidents, respectively.

Each year, over 45 million drivers in the United States illegally pass stopped school buses, putting children at significant risk.

Pittsburgh Public Schools is one of more than 60 school districts in Pennsylvania working with BusPatrol to tackle the issue of reckless driving around school buses, with almost 4,500 buses throughout the state equipped with the company's safety technology.

Pennsylvania state law requires motorists to stop for stopped school buses with their red lights flashing. The penalty for breaking the law as captured by the school bus stop-arm camera is assigned to the vehicle owner, and it comes with a minimum civil penalty of \$300.

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