

## Bus Stop Rules For the Kids

- Stop and look both ways before crossing any street.
- Getting on or off the bus, do not cross the street until the bus driver signals it's ok to cross.
- Always cross in front of the bus far enough ahead to be seen by the driver (5 giant steps ahead).
- Never cross behind the bus or run behind the bus.
- Do not run, push or shove when waiting at the bus stop, and always arrive a few minutes early.
- Wait until the bus driver brings the bus to a complete stop before attempting to get on the bus.
- Never pick up anything dropped near the bus; tell the bus driver and follow his or her directions.
- Never crawl under a bus.

**Student safety starts at home. Teach your children who ride the school bus to practice these safety rules. It could save their lives!**

## Additional Resources:

Iowa Department of Education  
[www.educateiowa.gov](http://www.educateiowa.gov)

Iowa State Patrol  
[www.dps.state.ia.us/ISP](http://www.dps.state.ia.us/ISP)

American School Bus Council  
[www.americanschoolbuscouncil.org](http://www.americanschoolbuscouncil.org)

School Bus Information Council  
[www.schoolbusinfo.org](http://www.schoolbusinfo.org)

National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services  
[www.nasdpts.org](http://www.nasdpts.org)

# WHEN YOU SEE A SCHOOL BUS,



# LOOK OUT FOR KIDS!



Information courtesy of:  
Iowa Department of Education  
Iowa State Patrol



## The Rules

- To know when to pass, and when NOT to pass, learn to read lights and lanes.
- Look out for the kids! They're counting on you to know the rules of the road so you know what to do when you see a school bus.
- NEVER pass a stopped bus on the right side!

## Flashing Yellow Lights

- Means the school bus is preparing to stop!
- WARNING: When following the bus, it's illegal to pass from behind when the yellow lights are flashing. This can cost you \$250 plus court costs if you are ticketed!
- When approaching the bus from the opposite direction, slow your vehicle to 20 mph or less.
- Be prepared to stop from any direction.
- Under all circumstances, LOOK OUT FOR KIDS!

School bus safety is up to you! So, STOP what you're doing and learn the rules in a FLASH!

## Flashing Red Lights and Stop Sign Out

- Means kids are getting on or off the bus.
- WARNING: It's illegal to pass from any direction on roads with fewer than four lanes. This can cost you \$250 plus court costs if you are ticketed!



- Stop your vehicle at least 15 feet from the bus.
- Remain stopped until flashing red lights end and the stop arm goes in.
- Under all circumstances, LOOK OUT FOR KIDS!

## Four or More Lane Roads

### Multiple Lanes in Opposite Directions

- More lanes mean more traffic, more speed, more vehicles, and more need to know the rules!
- WARNING: It's illegal to pass when yellow or red lights are flashing if you are traveling in the same direction as the school bus. This can cost you \$250 plus court costs if you are ticketed!
- If you're traveling in the opposite direction of the school bus, proceed with caution when yellow or red lights flash.
- Under all circumstances, LOOK OUT FOR KIDS!

## Railroad Crossings

- Means school buses must stop before crossing.
- If you are behind the bus on a two-lane road, you must stop, too.
- If you're traveling in the opposite direction of the bus, proceed with caution.
- WARNING: It's illegal to pass any vehicle within 100 feet of a railroad crossing. This can cost you \$100 plus court costs if you are ticketed!



## The Danger Zone

Be sure your child is aware of the 10-15 foot area immediately around the school bus, known as "THE DANGER ZONE"! It's especially dangerous around the front of the bus and the rear wheels, and in the driver's blind spots.

