

A Word to Drivers on the Road

Safety is everyone's responsibility - know and obey school bus laws!

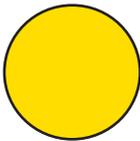
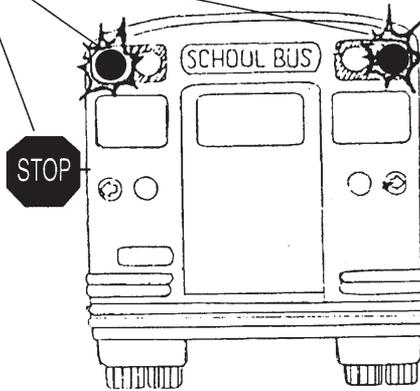
Motorists who fail to stop for a school bus with **RED LIGHTS FLASHING AND STOP ARM EXTENDED** may be charged with a gross misdemeanor punishable by a \$700 to \$3,000 fine and/or one year in jail.



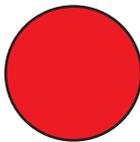
Coming from **either** direction you **must** stop when you see

these signals displayed.

Stop at least 20 feet (1-2 car lengths) from the bus.



Flashing amber (yellow) lights are a warning that the bus is preparing to stop.



Flashing red lights and extended stop arm mean that the bus is stopped either to load or unload passengers.

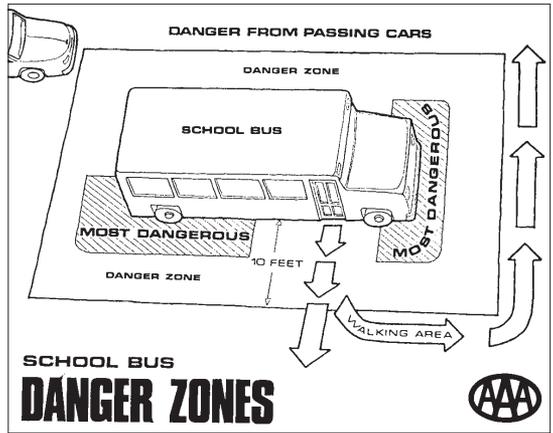
Danger Zone

Please remind your children they must never try to retrieve books or papers from around or underneath the bus. We suggest children keep all papers and articles in a backpack.

Winter safety

In winter students should:

- Be dressed in warm winter clothing, hats, mittens and boots;
- Use the handrail when boarding or exiting the bus to prevent slipping on icy steps or road surfaces, and
- Not stand or play on snow piles at the bus stop; students playing on snow piles could slide into the street into the path of oncoming traffic.



Severe weather

Severe weather conditions may result in:

- A two-hour delay in opening schools;
- Closing schools for the entire day, or
- Closing schools before the end of the regular school day.

School closings information

When District 196 school schedules or activities change because of severe weather or other emergencies, the information is shared with the public in the following ways:

- By telephone using a mass notification system;
- On the district website at www.district196.org;
- On the district information line at 651-423-7777, and
- On WCCO-AM radio (830) and on the following television stations – WCCO Channel 4, KSTP Channel 5, KMSP Channel 9 and KARE Channel 11.

Did You Know?

- District 196 provides transportation to and from school for more than 25,000 students.
- District buses travel more than 2.5 million miles each year.
- All buses must pass rigorous state inspections each year.
- All buses have two-way radios for constant contact with the Transportation Department.
- Bus evacuation drills are held twice a year at all grade levels.
- The district maintains approximately 200 vehicles and employs more than 250 transportation employees.
- District 196 operates the largest district-owned fleet in the state.

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