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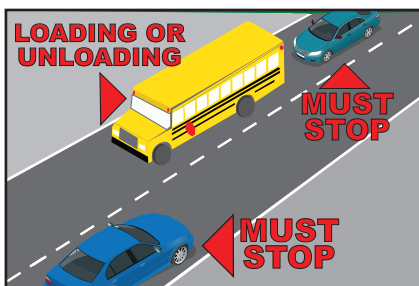
## Keeping Children Safe

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- F When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm activated, you **MUST STOP**.
- F When approaching a school bus with flashing amber lights, **SLOW DOWN** and be **PREPARED TO STOP**.
- F When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm activated, you **MUST STOP**.
- F You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- F You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- F **DO NOT MOVE** until all the children have reached a place of safety.

### KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

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

- F 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.
- F 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).

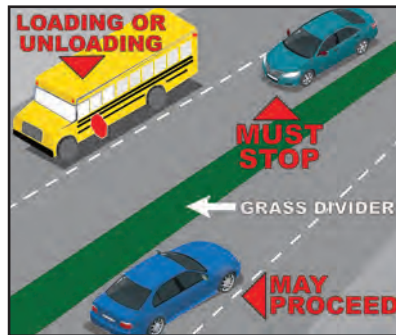
## SEPARATE ROADWAYS

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](http://www.penndot.pa.gov/safety) and click on "Traffic Safety & Driver Topics" and then "School Bus Safety".