School Buses are Like Traffic Signals

When overhead lights are flashing yellow: Prepare to Stop

When overhead lights are flashing red: Stop!

When hazard warning lights are flashing: Proceed with Caution
School Bus Safety Tips:

- Prepare to stop when a slowing bus has its overhead yellow lights flashing.
- Stop at least 20 feet away for buses when red lights are flashing, unless driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway.
- Slow down in or near school and residential areas.
- Look for clues — such as safety patrols, crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds — that indicate children might be in the area.
- Watch for children between parked cars and other objects.
- Use additional caution in bad weather.

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We at our Transportation Department here at Dundee/Auxilio Services put our children's safety above all else. We are proud to be the first district face they see in the morning and the last that safely delivers them to their p.m. destination.

- Roughly 588 stops (a.m. and p.m. together)
- About 150 are left hand or crossover stops
- Of the 150 about 60 are on dirt roads
- Some of the 150 are at group stops (subdivisions etc.)
- We expect all drivers to count kids as they exit and cross
- We do not cross on M-50 or Ann Arbor Rd.
- We try to route as many right hand or door side stops that we can possible do
- If we go by a house twice they are picked up door side
- We train the children how to cross and uniformly use a crossing paddle
- We have mandatory safety meetings
- New drivers must attend a 3 day class as well as all drivers attend a 1 day class for continuing ed. every other year
- Our policy requires that an adult must be out for children in kindergarten unless the parent has documented that they can get off the bus with an older sibling
- Right hand cross over stops are legal in Michigan
- Airport, Bedford, Ida, Jefferson, Monroe, Summerfield, Whiteford, and Mason all have right hand cross over stops
- If we eliminated all right hand stops it would cost the district an adjustment of $7.25 per quarter hour which would not include fuel costs or wear on the buses for extra miles. Nor does it take in to account the extra time on the buses for students which in some cases may increase by as much as 30 minutes each morning and afternoon
- [michigan.gov/pupil transportation](http://michigan.gov/pupiltransportation)
Frequently Asked Questions

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- *Isn't the school district required to transport my child?*

School districts are NOT required by law to transport regular education children. Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 380.1321 outlines the obligations of the school district if its board of education elects to provide transportation. Under Article 3 of the Revised School Code, the school district is obligated to provide for the transportation of a special education student if the Individualized Educational Planning Committee (IEPC) has determined that the transportation is a specialized service which is included within and necessary to carry out the student's IEP.

- *My child is starting kindergarten. Will the bus pick my child up in front of my house?*

There are no special laws or regulations for transporting regular education students enrolled in kindergarten. If your district provides transportation, it will be provided in accordance with the requirements of MCL 380.1321, Section 55 of the Pupil Transportation Act, and local district policy with regard to the placement of the bus stop.

- *Is there a law about how far my child has to walk to the bus stop?*

No law specifies the maximum distance a student may walk to the bus stop.
- Is there a specified distance that must exist between school bus stops?

The lights on a school bus which are used to notify other traffic of an upcoming stop must, by law, be activated 200 feet from the stop. Thus, bus stops must be at least 200 feet apart.

- What other factors are involved in establishing where the school bus stops?

There are many factors which should be taken into consideration when school administrators establish the placement of school bus stops. The basic legal factors are spelled out in MCL 257.1855, but the primary concern is visibility of the bus to other traffic and the consideration of stopping distances necessary for other motor vehicles in order to accomplish safe loading and unloading of the children. In general, state law requires 400 feet of clear and continuous visibility on a highway or roadway where the speed limit is more than 35 miles per hour, and 200 feet where the speed limit is less than 35 miles per hour. There is no state law which specifies a maximum distance between stops.

- What about the safety of my child getting to and from the bus stop? There are no sidewalks where we live and it's not very safe walking on the busy road we live on.

It is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to see that a child gets safely to and from the bus stop. The school district provides transportation as a non-mandated service and establishes placement of the bus stops in accordance with the requirements of the law.

- Is there a law stating that an adult riding on a school bus for monitoring purposes be seated at a specific location on the bus?

There are no laws pertaining to this issue. In most cases when adults are assigned to monitor students that are being transported on a bus, they are near the student or students who possess the greatest amount of supervisory need.
- My child spends over two hours a day just riding the bus to and from school. Is there a maximum riding time in the law?

There is no maximum riding time in the law for children in kindergarten through grade twelve. Child care licensing regulations establish a maximum riding time of 60 continuous minutes for the transportation of preschool children.
Leader will guide all students at least 100 feet away from the bus.

Leader is ready to leave the bus followed by all students.

Assistants are standing outside the front bus door to help students exiting.

The driver walks to the rear of the bus checking for anyone who may have been left on the bus; exits through front door.
Driver moves to the back exit door and assists student evacuation out the back door.

Driver walks back up to the front checking seats for any student who might remain behind.

Driver walks back to the rear exit and also evacuates.

Leader has all students follow no less than 100 feet away from the bus.

Two helpers stand outside the back door of the bus and assist as each student hops to the ground.
FRONT AND REAR DOOR EVACUATION DRILL

Driver moves to the middle of the bus and directs the front half of the bus to evacuate through the front door and the back half of the bus to evacuate out the back door.

The drill follows the same directions for procedure followed for front and back door evacuations.

Once the students are out the driver walks to the back of the bus and checks for remaining students. The driver exits through the front door.
School Bus Rules

1. Sit in your seat safely
2. Talk quietly with your friends
3. Keep head, hands, and feet inside
4. Keep belongings put away
5. Please don’t throw things in the bus
6. Please don’t throw things out of the bus
7. Help keep the bus clean
8. Be respectful to driver and each other
9. Think about what you say and do
10. Take care of the bus seats
11. Be kind & be a friend...No Bullying
12. Always inform driver of any issues
13. **NO EATING OR DRINKING...**
   *(THIS IS DUE TO FOOD ALLERGIES)*
14. **Cell phones must be put away**

Let’s make every ride **safe** and **enjoyable 😊**

If YOU choose not to follow these easy rules you may receive a write-up and/or time off the bus. Remember it is YOUR choice.

We are counting on YOU to make the right one!!