

Bus Stop Rules for Kids:

- Stop and look both ways before crossing any street.
- When 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.
- Always arrive at the bus stop 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 the 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:

Arkansas Division of Public School
Academic Facilities and Transportation:
arkansasfacilities.arkansas.gov

Flashing Red. Kids Ahead:
www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/flashing%20red.%20kids%20ahead

American School Bus Council:
www.americanschoolbuscouncil.org

School Bus Information Council:
www.schoolbusinfo.org

National Association of State Directors of
Pupil Transportation Services:
www.nasdpts.org



When you see a school bus,



look out for kids!



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The Rules:

- To know when and when NOT to pass, learn what the lights and lanes mean.
- Look out for the kids! They're counting on you to know the rules of the road.

Flashing Yellow Lights:

- Means the school bus is preparing to stop.
- **WARNING:** When the yellow lights are flashing, the bus will stop within 300 feet.
- 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!

STOP what you're doing, and learn the school bus safety rules.



Flashing Red Lights and Stop Sign Out:

- Means kids are getting on or off the bus.
- **WARNING:** It is illegal to pass a bus from any direction when the red lights are flashing. Doing it can cost you up to \$1,000 if you're ticketed.
- Stop your vehicle at least 15 feet from the bus.
- Remain stopped until the flashing red lights end and the stop arm goes in.
- Under all circumstances, **LOOK OUT FOR KIDS!**

Four or More Lane Roads:

- More lanes means more traffic, higher speeds, more vehicles, and more rules.
- **WARNING:** It's illegal to pass when red lights are flashing if you are traveling in the same direction as the school bus. This can cost you up to \$1,000 plus court costs if you are ticketed.
- If you're traveling in the opposite direction of the school bus, stop when red lights are flashing.
- Under all circumstances, **LOOK OUT FOR KIDS!**

Railroad Crossings:

- School buses must stop before crossing.
- If you are behind the bus on a two-lane road, you must stop and wait.
- If you're traveling in the opposite direction of the bus, proceed with caution.



The Danger Zone:

Be sure your child is aware of the 10-15 foot area immediately around the school bus, which is commonly called "The Danger Zone" by drivers. It's especially dangerous around the front of the bus, rear wheels, and in the driver's blind spots.

