

RESPECT THE BUS

Don't get BUS-ted!

Automated School Bus Cameras are here!

1 **Two-lane roadway:**
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!



2 **Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane:**
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!



3 **Four-lane roadway without a median separation:**
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!



4 **Divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation:**
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.



Who passes a stopped school bus?

Our experience has shown that drivers who pass a stopped school bus with flashing lights fall into one of three categories:

Uninformed

This driver does not know the requirements of the law. If you are one of these drivers, reviewing the law will provide you with the information that you need to keep your community safe.

Impatient

This driver knows the law – knows that they are supposed to stop – but chooses not to because their time is more valuable than the safety of those around them. This driver needs to leave earlier, slow down, and RESPECT the BUS.

Distracted

This driver is so distracted by other factors that they sometimes never see the school bus. Operating a vehicle requires your full time and attention. Distracted driving is at epidemic levels. This driver needs to get back to the basics, be aware of their surroundings, and limit distractions.

If you are stopped by a police officer for passing a stopped school bus with flashing lights, the fine is \$570.00 and 3 points.

If you receive a citation from the automated school bus camera system, the fine is \$125.00. There are no points associated with an automated citation.



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