FOR SAFETY

Everyone plays an important role in keeping children safe on and around the school bus.

*Know that as a motorist, you MUST stop for safety.*

**THE LAW:**

- Motorists **must stop** at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended.
- Motorists **must stop** when they are behind a bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.
- Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus **must also stop** until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.
- If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes **may proceed without stopping**.
- **Do not proceed** until all children have reached a place of safety.

**THE PENALTIES:**

- **$250 FINE**
- **60-DAY LICENSE SUSPENSION**
- **FIVE POINTS ON YOUR DRIVING RECORD**

**SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS:**

**For children:**
- Arrive early to the bus stop.
- Stay away from traffic when waiting for the school bus.
- Wait until all traffic has stopped before stepping out into the road.
- Never cross the street behind the school bus.
- Walk at least ten feet in front of the bus so that the driver can see you.
- Never run after the school bus after it has left.

**For adults:**
- Promote school bus safety with children.
- Walk children to and from the bus stop.
- Supervise children at the bus stop.

Teach children to never walk in the School Bus “Danger Zones”

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