

# **STOP means STOP** **for school buses**

Ohio Traffic  
Safety Office



#STOPmeansSTOP for school buses! Stay alert and know when to stop: On a two or three lane road – drivers on **BOTH SIDES** of the road must stop when a bus is dropping off or picking up students. On roads with four or more lanes – drivers traveling the opposite direction of the bus **DO NOT** have to stop.

## ***Racing past the arm puts young lives in danger.***



**YELLOW FLASHING LIGHTS =  
Prepare to stop**



**RED FLASHING LIGHTS &  
EXTENDED STOP ARM =  
Stop at least 10 feet away & wait  
for the lights to stop**

Yellow Lights on a school bus mean drivers should prepare to stop. If you're driving, slow down, stay alert, and watch out for children. When you see a stop sign: #STOPmeansSTOP for school buses!

# Possible Penalties



\$500 Fine  
(maximum)



Suspended license  
(Up to 1 year)



Two points assessed  
to driver license



In-person court  
appearance

When school is in session, do your part to keep kids safe. Under Ohio law, drivers must stop when a school bus is dropping off or picking up students. School bus drivers who see someone run the stop sign will report the vehicle's license plate number and incident location to law enforcement, which could lead to criminal charges. #STOPmeansSTOP