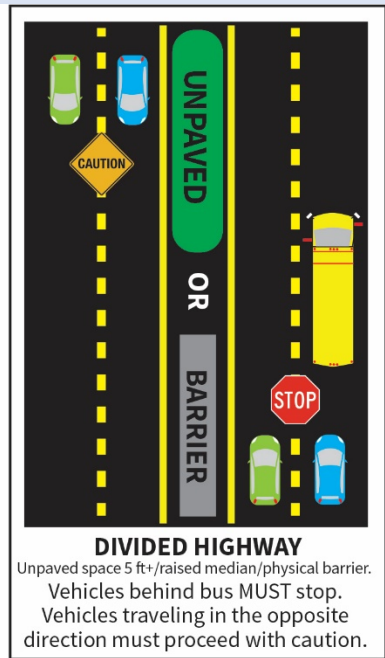
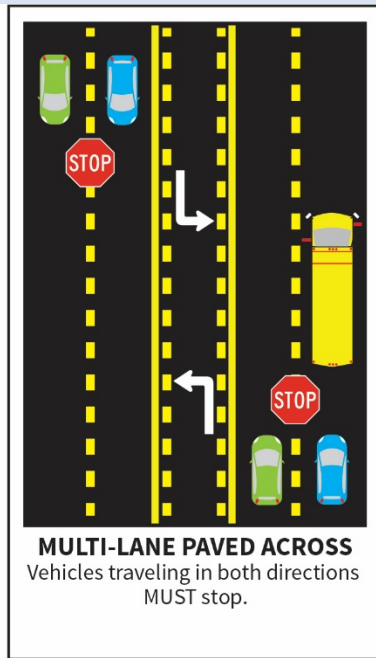
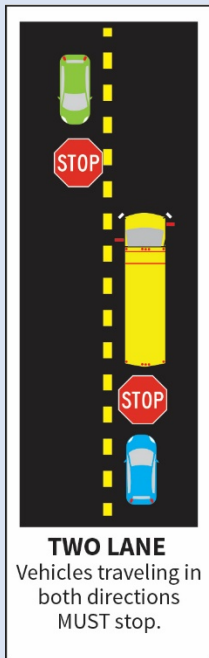


School Bus Safety



Penalties for passing stopped school bus include:

- Moving violation subject to citation;
- Requirement to complete a basic Driver Improvement Course upon conviction;
- Four points on your driver license; and
- Minimum fine of \$165, if you pass on the side where children enter and exit, you will receive a minimum fine of \$265.

On July 1, 2017, the Cameron Mayhew Act took effect in Florida, which increases the minimum penalty for drivers who illegally pass a stopped school bus, resulting in the injury or death of another person. Cameron Mayhew was killed by a motorist that failed to stop as he was walking to his stopped school bus in 2016.

Penalties for passing a stopped school bus that causes or results in the serious bodily injury or the death of another person include:

- Serving 120 community service hours in a trauma center or hospital;
- Participating in a victim's impact panel session or if such a panel does not exist, attending a DHSMV approved driver improvement course;
- Six points on your driver license;
- Suspension of license for a minimum of one year; and
- \$1,500 fine.

Safety First in Florida - Be Safe, Be Seen and Arrive Alive

Safety Tips for All Road Users



While waiting at bus stops, students should stay away from the curbs and in rural areas students should not sit on berms. Students should remain a safe distance from the road while waiting for school buses.

Always cross 10' to 12' feet in front of the bus so the bus driver can see you. Also, wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before moving toward the bus.



Be visible. Wear bright, reflective colors on your clothes, shoes, belts, and backpacks. When sidewalks are not provided, walk towards the flow of traffic (face the traffic) so you can see oncoming vehicles and walk on the shoulder of the road.



Avoid distractions while driving, walking and cycling. Avoid wearing your headphones, texting, or doing anything that takes your attention away from your surroundings. Pay attention while walking to and from the bus stop.



Motorists - Slow down! Speed is the cause of 32% of all fatal crashes. Pay extra attention to the lower speed limits in school zones. Also, watch for and obey signals from school crossing guards.



Pass bicyclists safely. Allow at least three feet between your vehicle and the bicyclist. It's the law!



Always use the crosswalk. Push the button to get the walk signal.



"Florida school buses carry precious cargo – our children. Motorists should always be alert and drive with caution around school buses and within school zones."

(Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles – School Bus Safety)