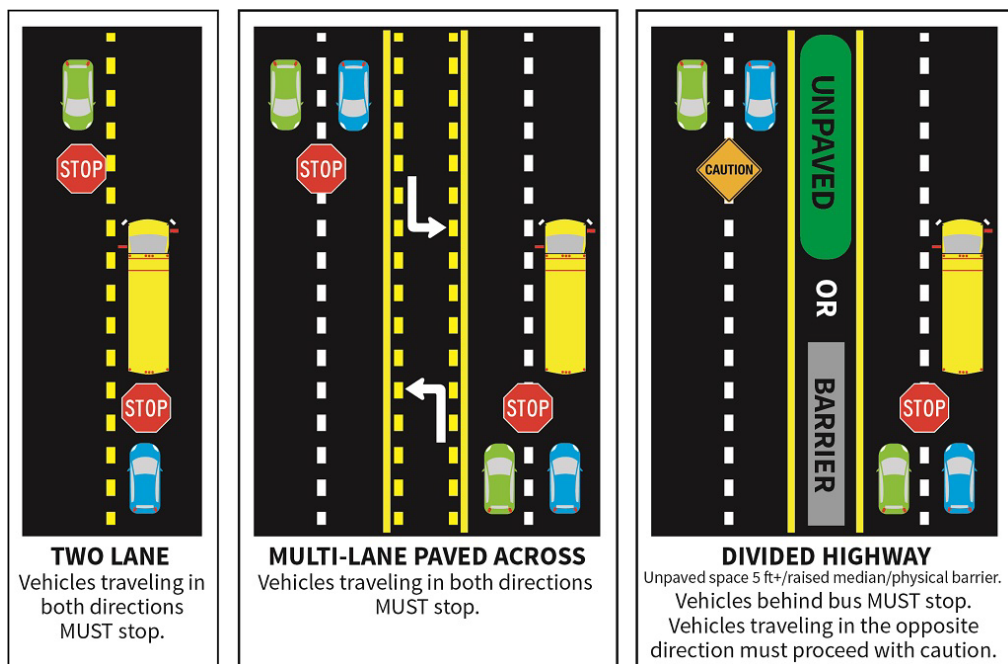


School Bus Transportation Safety Tips

Safety Practices for Motorists:

- ✓ Be alert and always watch for children, especially near schools, bus stops, and school buses.
- ✓ When approaching a stopped school bus with red flashing lights and stop arm extended you must stop in most situations. For more information on Florida's laws and penalties about stopping for School bus visit <https://www.flhsmv.gov/safety-center/child-safety/school-bus-safety/> .



- ✓ Obey all traffic laws and speed limits. Give extra attention in school zones and obey all signals from crossing guards.
- ✓ Park in authorized areas designated for drop off or pick up of students.
- ⊗ Do not pass vehicles in school zones, crosswalks, or intersections.
- ⊗ Do not text or make calls while driving
- ⊗ Do not make U-turns or lane changes in school zones.

Safety Practices for Parents:

- ✓ Discuss the safest way to your student's assigned bus stop or school.
- ✓ Practice walking or riding their bike to assigned stop or school.
- ✓ Have a plan for days with inclement weather.
Take a raincoat, umbrella, or have a back up ride

Safety Practices for Students

- ✓ Students should arrive five minutes before their scheduled time.
- ✓ Students should wait in a safe place away from the road. Never play, sit, or run in the street.
- ✓ Students should wait for the bus to stop completely with the red lights flashing and stop arm extended before approaching.
- ✓ Never run after the bus
- ✓ Students should wait for the bus driver's signal to cross the road at their assigned stop.
- ✓ Walk twelve feet in front of the bus when crossing to ensure the driver can see you.
- ✓ Always walk or cross in front of the bus. Crossing behind the bus is dangerous and you may not be seen.
- ✓ Always use the handrail when entering or exiting the school bus.
- ✓ Walk to your assigned seat, fasten your seat belt and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- ✓ Keep all body parts inside of the bus.
- ✓ Obey the bus driver and/or attendant, be courteous and respectful.
- ✓ Keep the aisle clear.
- ✓ Always use inside voices to avoid driver distractions.
- ✓ Exit bus only at your assigned stop.
- ✓ Alert the driver at once if you drop something near the bus, to ensure you are seen by the driver.
- ✓ Parents or guardians of small children should remain with their student(s) until picked up at their assigned stop.
- ✓ Parents or guardians of small children should be at the bus stop in the afternoon to receive the student(s).