

Getting to the bus stop safely
When going to the bus stop,
students are expected to:

- Use the sidewalk where one is provided, or
- Walk on the left shoulder of the street or roadway facing traffic

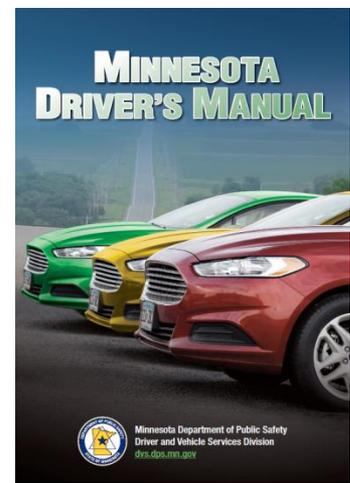
- Six ways all motor vehicles Can and Do LEGALLY cross in front of a school buses everyday while loading and/or discharging elementary children (ages 4 and up) in the State of Minnesota
- At these designated stops, it is ILLEGAL for the school bus to use the “8-ways” or the normal Yellow and Red Flashing lights and stop bar to provide vehicle operator deterrence and warning (instead, they only use “hazard lights”)
- Hundreds of children are subjected to this every day across Minnesota – it is just time a matter of time....
- Consciously permitting this to continue is:
 - Irresponsible at best, deadly at worst

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All Chapters (102 pages)

All descriptions in manual when Hazard Warning Lights, Warning Lights or Emergency Warning Lights are used:

- **Vehicle Safety Equipment Demonstration**
 - Activating hazard warning lights (four-way flashers)
- **Highway Parking**
 - Use parking lights or hazard warning lights to alert other drivers.
- **Right of Way and Yielding**
 - a funeral procession identifies itself through use of headlights or hazard warning lights, you must yield to the entire procession.
- **Stopping, Parking, and Backing Up**
 - Use hazard warning lights, if you have them.
- **What to Do if You Become Stranded**
 - Turn on your hazard warning lights.
- **Headlight Failure**
 - If your headlights suddenly go out, try your parking lights, hazard warning lights, or turn signals
- **Windshield Wiper Failure or Sudden Opening of Hood**
 - If your windshield wipers suddenly fail in blinding rain or snow, slow down and activate your hazard warning lights. Activate your hazard warning lights, reduce speed, and choose a safe path to steer off the road.
- **Stuck Gas Pedal**
 - If the shoulder is not paved, switch on your hazard lights and continue steering the vehicle in a straight path until you can safely pull over to the shoulder of the road.
- **What to Do in a Traffic Crash**
 - Warn other drivers of danger with emergency warning lights, flares, or flashlight.
- **Passing Parked Emergency/Service Vehicles**
 - The same procedure applies when approaching and passing parked vehicles such as freeway service patrol, road maintenance or construction vehicles that are stopped with warning lights activated.



***Manual NEVER informs drivers that Hazard Warning Lights are used for school buses loading and unloading children**

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Stopping for a School Bus

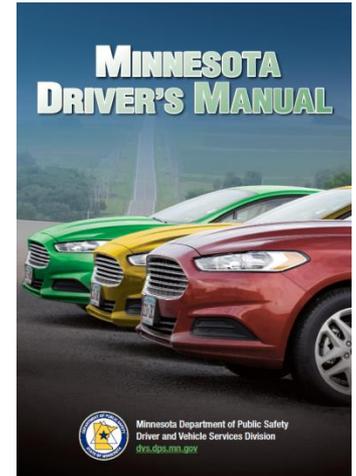
School buses are equipped with yellow and red lights that flash alternately to warn drivers that they are stopping to load or unload students.

Flashing Yellow Lights

Flashing yellow lights will be activated at least 100 feet before a school bus stops in a speed zone of 35 mph or less, and at least 300 feet before it stops in a speed zone of more than 35 mph. It is against the law to pass on the right side of a school bus while it is displaying red or yellow flashing lights.

Flashing Red Lights

Flashing red lights warn motorists that the school bus is loading or unloading students. When a school bus is stopped with its red lights flashing and its stop arm extended, you must stop your vehicle at least 20 feet from the bus. Oncoming traffic and motorists approaching the bus from behind may not move until the stop arm is retracted and the red lights are no longer flashing. You can be charged with a misdemeanor if you break either of these laws. The penalty for this violation is a fine of not less than \$300, and suspension of your driving privileges.



* Manual does NOT state School Buses use Hazard Warning Lights to warn motorists that the school bus is loading and unloading children