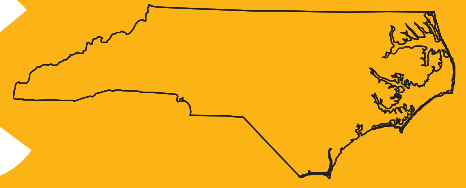


# BACK TO SCHOOL **NC**



## SAFETY TIPS



### STUDENTS AND PARENTS

- Cross in crosswalks.
- Watch for and obey crossing guards.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Be careful crossing multiple lanes of traffic.
- Make sure each lane of traffic is clear before you cross.
- Pay attention. When walking, avoid distractions like cellphones.
- Obey signs and signals.
- Cross the street where you have the best view of traffic.
- Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from the road as you can.



### ADULT AND TEEN DRIVERS

- Know when to stop for school buses.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Obey all posted school zone speed limits.
- Never pass a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians.
- Before turning, be sure the path is clear.
- Slow down near bus stops, schools and playgrounds.
- No drinking and driving.
- Buckle up.
- Avoid distractions such as food, passengers and using mobile devices.
- Texting while driving is illegal.

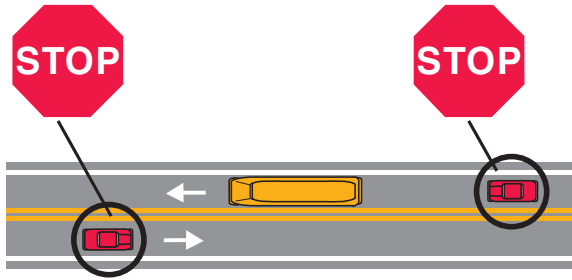
### ***Additional Safety Tips for Teen Drivers***

- Don't speed.
- Avoid distractions.
- Cellphone use is illegal for drivers under 18.
- For provisional license holders, no more than one passenger at a time.

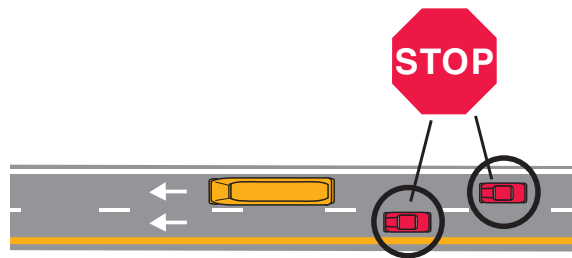
*North Carolina has stiff penalties for **motorists** who fail to comply with school bus safety rules.*

- There is a \$500 penalty for motorists who are caught passing a stopped school bus, and a five-point penalty on their driver license.
- A driver who passes a stopped school bus and strikes someone will face a Class I felony and be fined a minimum of \$1,000.
- The penalty increases to a Class H felony and fine of \$2,500 if someone is killed.

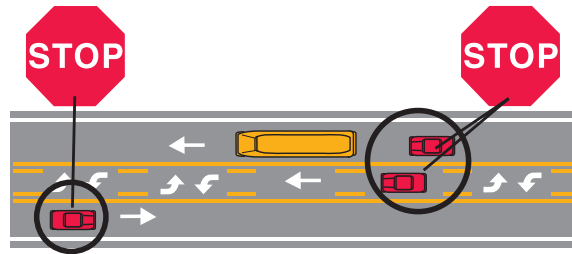
## NC SCHOOL BUS STOP LAW



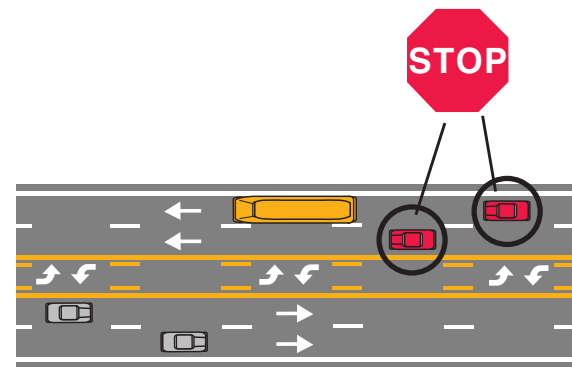
**Two-lane roadway:** When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.



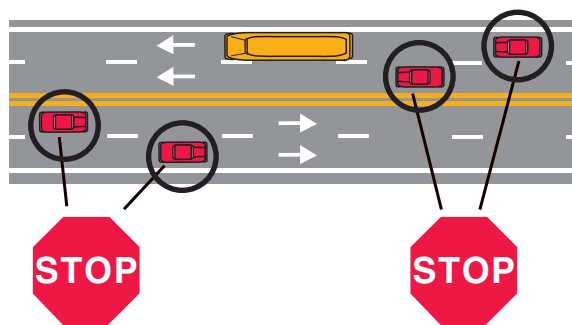
**Divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation:** When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.



**Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane:** When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.



**Roadway of four lanes or more with a center turning lane:** When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.



**Four-lane roadway without a median separation:** When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.

