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## School Bus Safety

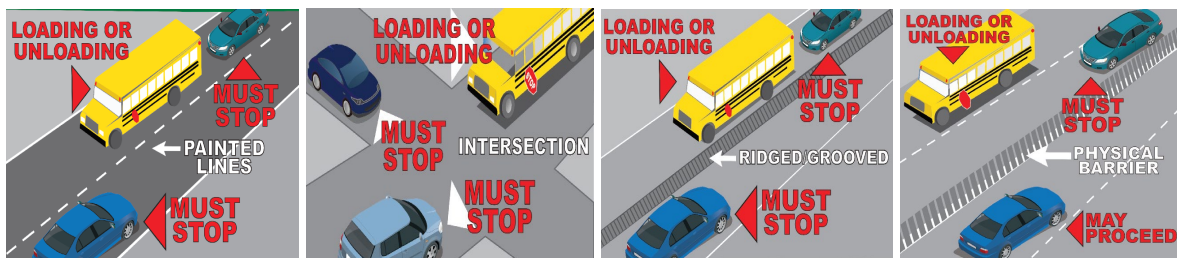
**Media, PA** – The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) take school bus safety as a high priority in Pennsylvania. It is important for other drivers to remember the critical role they play in keeping children safe while on or around a school bus. Annually, more than 700 drivers are convicted for passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing.

Each year, more than 28,000 registered school buses are inspected during the months of May-August. School buses and school vehicles are also subjected to random inspections throughout the school year to further ensure the safe transportation of Pennsylvania’s school students.

Pennsylvania law requires drivers to stop at least ten feet away from school buses that have red lights flashing and the stop arm extended. Motorists must stop when they are behind the bus, meeting the bus, or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. You may not proceed until the flashing red signal lights are no longer activated. If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails, or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.

Troopers will be conducting patrols in identified areas with high frequencies of violations. Penalties for violating Pennsylvania’s school bus stopping law include a \$250 fine, five points on the violator’s driving record, and a mandatory 60-day license suspension for a first offense.

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