

# REMEMBER.....

**RED** overhead flashing lights on a school bus means **NO**. **STOP** your vehicle at least 20' from the bus.

Watch for students who may be crossing in front of the bus.

Yellow overhead lights: prepare to stop

YELLOW hazard lights mean PROCEED WITH CAUTION. You may pass the school bus using due care and caution. Students do not cross the roadway when the bus makes a hazard

light stop.



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# SCHOOL BUS STOPS AND THE LAW

**RED MEANS NO**  
**YELLOW MEANS SLOW**  
Proceed With Caution



**School Bus Awareness**

## The Michigan Motor Vehicle Code/Pupil Transportation Act

### WHY A RED LIGHT STOP?

- **Stopped traffic is desired**
- **Students may be crossing in front of the bus**
- **Traffic flow is not a problem**
- **Visibility is not a problem**

**Overhead red lights are always preceded by the overhead yellow lights-prepare to stop**



The Pupil Transportation Act (Public Act 187 of 1990) governs school buses and their operation. It is part of the Michigan Vehicle Code, which governs all vehicles on the highway.

This Act contains all the parameters for how a school bus uses its lights for making student bus stops.

There are two distinct types of school bus stops.:

### Red Overhead Light Stop

All traffic must stop for any school bus making a stop using its alternating overhead red lights. Overhead yellow lights are activated first and caution motorists to prepare to stop. This is the only type of stop that a bus driver can make if students are crossing the roadway. Students can only cross in front of the bus.

### HAZARD LIGHT STOP

Motorists do not have to stop for this kind of school bus pick up or drop off. Motorists should proceed with caution around the stopped school bus. A hazard light stop can only be used if students are not crossing the roadway.

### WHY A HAZARD LIGHT STOP?

- **Allows traffic to flow**
- **Stop can be placed in areas where alternating overhead light stop is prohibited**
- **No clear and continuous visibility requirement**
- **Students are not required to cross the roadway**

### RED MEANS STOP!

