

## School Bus Fines by State

State	Stopping Distance	Penalties
Alabama		Misdemeanor with fine of up to \$100 or imprisonment of 10 days for first offense and 5 points on license.
Alaska	Must stop $\geq$ 30 feet (9 m) away and not proceed until the school bus proceeds and the red lights no longer flash.	Class B misdemeanor and 6 points on license.
Arizona		Class 3 misdemeanor and imprisonment for 30 days. Fine of \$500 and 2 points on license.
Arkansas		Misdemeanor and fine from \$35 to \$500 and/or imprisonment up to 90 days. Possible community service up to 7 days. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation.
California		First offense is fine of \$150 to \$250 and 1 point; second offense is fine of \$500 to \$1,000. Third offense is license suspension for 1 year.
Colorado		Class 2 misdemeanor, fine of \$10 to \$300 and/or imprisonment of 10 days to 90 days; 6 points.
Connecticut	Must stop $\geq$ 10 feet (3 m) away.	Fine of \$100 to \$500 for first offense; 2nd offense with fine of \$500 to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment up to 30 days; 4 points.



Delaware		Fine of \$115 to \$230 and/or imprisonment of 30 days to 60 days for first offense; possible license suspension for 1 month up to 6 months. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation.
District of Columbia	Must stop $\geq$ 15 feet (4.5 m) away.	4 points assessed to license and a fine of \$50.
Florida		Fine of \$100 and for second offense within 5 year period, suspend license for 90 days up to 6 months. Passing on the side that children enter and exit is a fine up to \$200, and for second offense within 5 year period, license suspension of 180 days up to 1 year.
Georgia		Misdemeanor with fine up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment up to 12 months; 6 points.
Hawaii	Must stop $\geq$ 20 feet (6 m) away from a stopped school bus on a highway or road in a residential area only.	Fine up to \$500 and/or community service.
Idaho		Fine of \$100 to \$500 and 4 points on license.
Illinois		Suspend license for period of 3 months; 1 year for 2nd violation within 5 years of a prior conviction; fine of \$150; fine of \$500 for second violation; 25 points on license. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation.
Indiana		Class A infraction; fine of up to \$10,000 and 8 points. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation.



Iowa	Must stop $\geq$ 15 feet (4.5 m) away from a stopped school bus until the stop arm is retracted AND the school bus resumes motion.	Fine of \$100.
Kansas		Fine of \$100.
Kentucky		Fine of \$100 to \$200 and/or imprisonment of 30 days up to 60 days and 6 points. Second violation within a 3 year period is a fine of \$300 to \$500 and/or imprisonment of 60 days up to 6 months. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation.
Louisiana	Must stop $\geq$ 30 feet (9 m) away.	Fine of \$100 to \$500 and/or imprisonment up to 6 months. License suspension for 30 days upon first conviction. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation.
Maine		Class E crime with a fine up to \$250 for the first offense and suspend license for 30 days upon second offense within 3 years. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation as an infraction.
Maryland	Must stop $\geq$ 20 feet (6 m) away from a school bus stopped on a roadway with flashing red lights.	Misdemeanor with fine up to \$500; 3 points.
Massachusetts		Fine of \$100 to \$200 for first offense; second offense within 2 year period, fine of \$300 to \$400 and revoke license for 30 days; third offense within four year period, fine \$500 to \$1,000 and license revocation for period of 1 year.



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Michigan	Must stop $\geq$ 20 feet (6 m) away. At an intersection controlled by an officer or a traffic signal, a vehicle may pass a stopped school bus no faster than 10 miles an hour with due caution.	Fine of \$100 to \$500, possible community service of up to 100 hours at a school and 3 points attached to license. A vehicle owner may be charged with the citation.
Minnesota	Must stop $\geq$ 20 feet (6 m) away. The driver may not proceed until the stop arm is retracted and the red lights no longer flash.	Misdemeanor with fine up to \$300. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation and a peace officer with probable cause may arrest a motor vehicle driver believed to have operated the vehicle in violation within the preceding 4 hours of being stopped.
Mississippi		Misdemeanor with fine of \$200 up to \$500 and/or imprisonment up to 1 year.
Missouri		Class A Misdemeanor with fine up to \$1,000 and imprisonment up to 1 year. 2 points attached to license. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation.
Montana	Must stop $\geq$ 10 feet (3 m) away and not proceed until the children have entered the school bus or have alighted and reached the side of the highway or street and until the school bus stops flashing red lights.	Fine is up to \$500 and a vehicle owner may be charged with the violation.
Nebraska		Class IV Misdemeanor with fine of \$100 to \$500; 1 point on license.
Nevada		Misdemeanor with fine of \$250 to \$500; second offense within 1 year is a fine of \$250 to \$500 and license suspension for 6 months; 4 points on license.



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New Hampshire	Must stop $\geq$ 25 feet (7.5 m) away and not proceed until school bus resumes motion or until flashing red lights cease to operate.	First offense is fine of \$100 to \$750; second offense is fine of \$250 to \$1,000 and possibly suspension of license for 30 days; 6 points on license. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation. Passing a stopped school bus on the right is a fine of \$500 to \$1,200 and license suspension of 30 days for first offense; 30 days for second offense and 30 days to 120 days for subsequent offenses.
New Jersey	Must stop $\geq$ 25 feet (7.5 m) away and not proceed until such child has entered the bus or has alighted and reached the side of such highway and until a flashing red light is no longer exhibited.	Fine of \$100; imprisonment of 15 days or community service for 15 days or both; second offense time of \$250 and or imprisonment of 15 days. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation; 5 points assessed to license or possibly revocation of license.
New Mexico	Must stop $\geq$ 10 feet (3 m) away. A school bus driver may signal traffic to proceed.	Misdemeanor with fine up to \$300 and/or imprisonment up to 90 days; 6 points on license.
New York		Fine of \$250 to \$400 and/or imprisonment of 30 days for first violation. Second violation within a 3 year period is a fine of \$600 to \$750 and/or imprisonment of 180 days. Third violation within a 3 year period is a fine of \$750 to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment of 180 days; 5 points on license. Third violation within 3 year period will be revocation of license for 6 months.

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North Carolina		Class 2 misdemeanor with fine up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment of 60 days. Five points or 8 points if operating a commercial motor vehicle.
North Dakota		Offense is a fine of \$50, 6 points on license and a vehicle owner may be charged with the violation.
Ohio	Must stop $\geq$ 10 feet (3 m) away and not proceed until school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed. It is no defense to a charge that the school bus involved failed to display or be equipped with an automatically extended stop warning sign.	Fine of \$500 and 2 points to license.
Oklahoma		Misdemeanor with fine of \$5 up to \$500 and/or imprisonment up to 10 days; second conviction within a 1 year period after the first conviction to be imprisonment of up to 2 days; third (or more) convictions within 1 year period after the first conviction is imprisonment of 6 months. Four points on license.
Oregon		Class A traffic violation with fine up to \$600.



Pennsylvania	Must stop $\geq$ 10 feet (3 m) away when red lights flash and a stop arm is activated. A vehicle driver approaching an intersection at which a school bus is stopped shall stop his vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal lights are no longer actuated.	Fine of \$250, 5 points attached to license and license suspension for 60 days.
Rhode Island	Must stop $>$ 50 feet (15 m) away.	Fine of up to \$300 and/or suspended license for 30 days; second offense is a fine of \$300 to \$500 and/or revocation of license for 1 year.
South Carolina		Misdemeanor with fine up to \$500 or imprisonment of 30 days or community service for up to 10 days; second violation is a fine of \$2,000 up to \$5,000 or imprisonment of 30 days up to 60 days; 6 points on license.
South Dakota	Must stop $\geq$ 15 feet (4.5 m) away and not proceed until red lights stop flashing.	Class 2 Misdemeanor with fine up to \$200 and/or imprisonment of 30 days; 3 points on license. A motor vehicle with the offending driver unknown is subject to a civil penalty of \$250.
Tennessee		Class A misdemeanor for passing stopped school bus is a fine of \$250 up to \$1,000; 6 points on license.
Texas		Misdemeanor with fine of \$200 up to \$1,000; community service may substitute fine. Second offense, possibly suspended license up to 6 months.

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Utah		Class C misdemeanor with fine of \$100 for first offense; second offense within 3 year period of a previous conviction or bail forfeiture, fine is \$200; third offense within 3 year period of a previous conviction or bail forfeiture is \$500. Compensatory service may substitute fines.
Vermont		Fine up to \$1,000 and 5 points on license.
Virginia		Reckless driving for passing a stopped school bus illegally is 6 points; 3 points for non-reckless. Fine of \$250.
Washington		Monetary penalty equal to twice the total penalty assessed; Monetary penalty up to \$250.
West Virginia		Misdemeanor with fine of \$50 up to \$200 and/or imprisonment of 6 months; 6 points on license. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation.
Wisconsin	Must stop $\geq$ 20 feet (6 m) away.	Fine of \$30 up to \$300; 4 points on license. A vehicle owner may be charged with the violation.
Wyoming		Misdemeanor with fine of \$100 up to \$750; second conviction a 1 year period is a fine of \$200 up to \$1,000.