



School Bus Safety Information

The 2021-2022 school year starts on Wednesday, September 8th. School buses will be out and about, transporting precious cargo, **OUR CHILDREN**. Remember to use extreme caution when approaching school buses and bus stops. Motorists should be aware that all Readington Township School buses are outfitted with cameras that record the entire bus route. These cameras can capture the license plate of passing cars and if a violation is observed by the bus driver, the video footage will be forwarded to the Readington Township Police Department. Officers will view the footage and summonses will be issued when appropriate. Officers will also be monitoring all bus routes, especially those along the Route 523 and Route 22 corridors. All traffic laws will be enforced however we will have zero tolerance for those that choose to pass a stopped school bus.

Things you should know about 39:4-128.1 (School bus stops for children, Certain disabled persons, duty of motorists):

- *On an undivided highway, when approaching or overtaking a stopped bus that is being used to transport children to or from school or a summer day camp or a school connected activity, a driver must stop at least 25 feet from the bus and wait until all children have entered the bus or safely reached the side of the road, or until the bus is no longer exhibiting a flashing red light.*
- *On a divided highway, the driver of a vehicle overtaking a bus must stop not less than 25 feet from such school bus and keep such vehicle stationary until such child or person who has a developmental disability has entered said bus or has alighted and reached the side of the highway and until a flashing red light is no longer exhibited by the bus.*
- *The driver of a vehicle on another roadway approaching a school bus, which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any child, or any person who has a developmental disability shall reduce the speed of his vehicle to not more than 10 miles per hour and shall not resume normal speed until the vehicle has passed the bus and has passed any child who may have alighted therefrom or be about to enter said bus.*
- ***There is a rebuttable presumption that the registered owner of a vehicle is the person that committed the violation. This means, the court will assume the registered owner was driving unless someone can prove otherwise.***

Penalties for violating NJSA 39:4-128.1 will result in a fine of not less than \$100 and 5 points on your driving record and the possibility of community service and/or up to 15 days in jail.

When approaching a school bus actively engaged in picking up or dropping off children, drive as if a child's life depends on it.

