



In the spring of 2011, 28 states throughout the country, school bus drivers recorded in a one-day snapshot how many times other motorists passed their school buses illegally while the buses were stopped displaying their flashing red lights and stop arms. Almost 112,000 bus drivers reported 37,756 total stop arm passing incidents, often involving several cars in each incident. Reports were not available from all states, but in a typical 180-day school year, the 76,685 vehicles that passed school buses illegally represent well over 13 million violations by private motorists. Arizona ranked 12th highest out of the 28 states that responded. **Reference: National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services - <http://www.nasdpts.org/StopArm2011/index.html>**

Arizona Revised Statute 28-857 requires the following when approaching a school bus with their stop arm extended:

When approaching a school bus that is picking up or dropping off passengers, you must come to a complete stop before reaching the bus, regardless of your direction of travel. A school bus will have alternating flashing lights and a mechanical stop-sign arm extended while passengers are entering or leaving the bus. You must remain stopped until the school bus moves ahead or until the stop-sign arm and flashing lights are no longer shown. You are not required to stop for a school bus on a divided roadway when traveling in the opposite direction. A divided roadway is one in which the road is separated by physical barriers such as a fence, curbing or separation of the pavement. Roadway striping by itself does not constitute a physical separation of the roadway. **Reference: Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) – Driver License Manual**

Fines (ARS 28-857): A person who is responsible for a violation of subsection A of this section is subject to a civil penalty as follows:

1. The court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars for the first violation.
2. If a person violates this section a second time within a period of thirty-six months, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of seven hundred fifty dollars and shall direct the department to suspend the driver license of the person for not more than six months.
3. If a person violates this section three or more times within a period of thirty-six months, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of one thousand dollars and shall direct the department to suspend the driver license of the person for at least six months but not more than one year.

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Arizona School Bus Stop Law

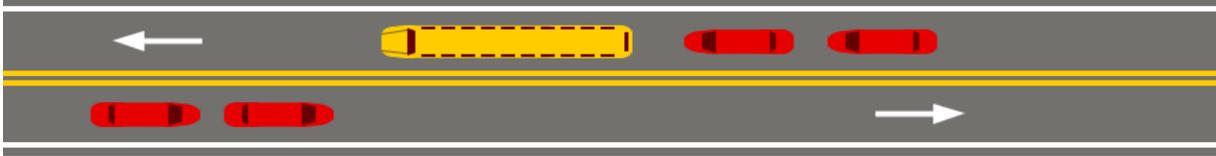
Reference: <http://www.mpsaz.org/transportation/stop/>

When to Stop

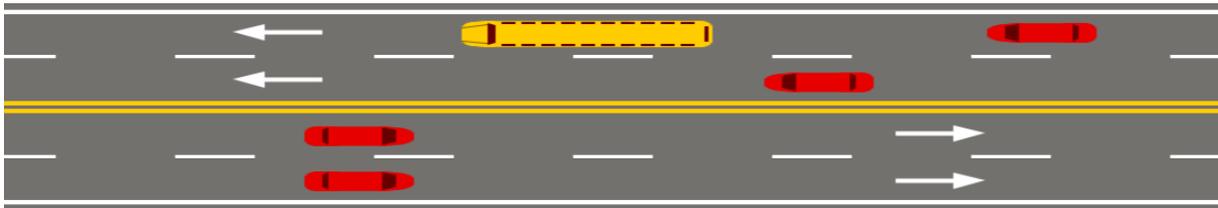
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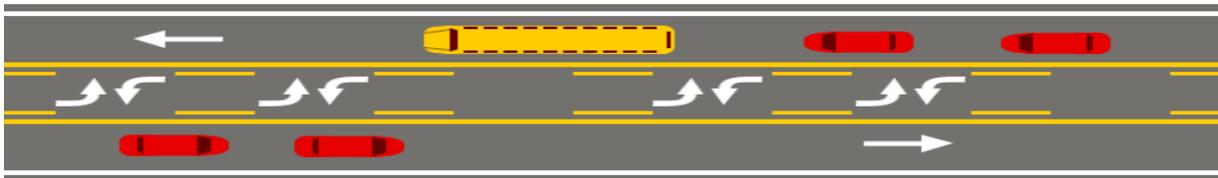
Two lane, two way traffic



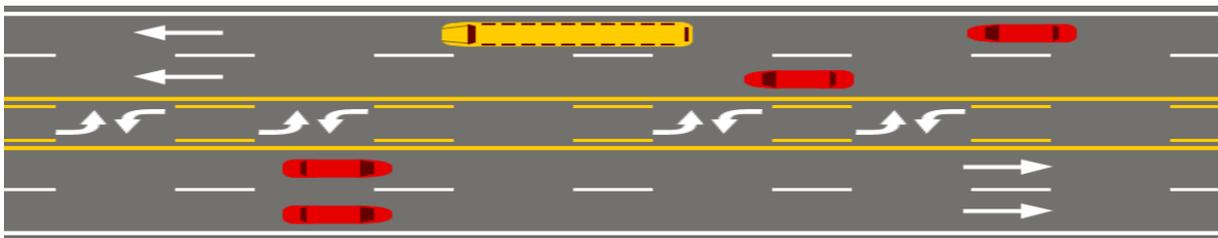
Four lane, two way traffic



Three lane with center turn lane



Five lane with center turn lane



Divided highway with curbed median

