



# Video Outline

## PART ONE: BUSES

When is it required that you stop and when is it okay to pass a school bus?

### Same Direction:

If you are traveling in the same direction as a school bus and the bus is stopped with either red lights flashing or the "stop signal" extended, you must always stop and remain stopped until both the flashing lights are off and the stop signal is withdrawn. Remember: this rule applies to multi-lane roads!

### Opposite Direction:

If you approach a stopped school bus from the opposite direction, you must stop if you are on a two-or-more-lane road and there is no median or if you are on a two-or-more-lane road and there is a painted median. You can only pass a school bus in the opposite lane if there is a physical, raised median or an unpaved median wider than five feet.

*Be sure to remember that regardless of which way you are traveling, painted lines or pavement markings are not considered barriers. If you feel it is lawful to pass, slow down and remain on high alert for the presence of children.*

## PART TWO: CROSSWALKS AND CROSSING GUARDS

When you see a crossing guard on duty or a "School Crossing" sign, be alert, be aware, and recognize that children are likely to be present.

### Rule #1:

Crossing guards are present in areas where it has been deemed unsafe for children to cross the street alone. Always, always, always reduce your speed when you see a crossing guard or approach an area that you know crossing guards are often working.



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## **Rule #2:**

When a crossing guard signals you to stop, be sure to stop well before the marked stop bar and avoid parking in the crosswalk. Sometimes there is not a stop bar so use your best judgement.

## **Rule #3:**

If possible, try to make eye contact with the crossing guard and obey all crossing guard signals. The crossing guard is always the first person to enter the crosswalk and the last to leave the crosswalk. Do not proceed unless and until the crossing guard has clearly signaled for you to do so. When in doubt, remain stopped until the all-clear signal is given.

*Remember, the crossing guard does not relieve you of responsibility to act safely and to drive extra carefully. As a professional driver, you are the first point of prevention.*

## **PART THREE: SCHOOL ZONES**

We recognize that school zones can be tricky because they are not always well marked and seem to sneak up on you.

## **Rule #1:**

The speed limit in a school zone is 20 miles per hour unless the speed limit is posted as lower.

## **Rule #2:**

School zone speed limits of 20 miles per hour are enforced 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after the beginning and end of each school day. Check local times if you are unsure.



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## **Rule #3:**

Although it is not Florida law, to help keep school zones safer, try not to pass a vehicle, change lanes, or make u-turns while in a school zone.

*So, when in a school zone, remember: 20 miles per hour when posted and be safer by not passing, not changing lanes, and not making u-turns.*

**Drive safely and set a good example for others!**

To find out more about driving safely, please visit [www.SchoolsBackFL.com](http://www.SchoolsBackFL.com).