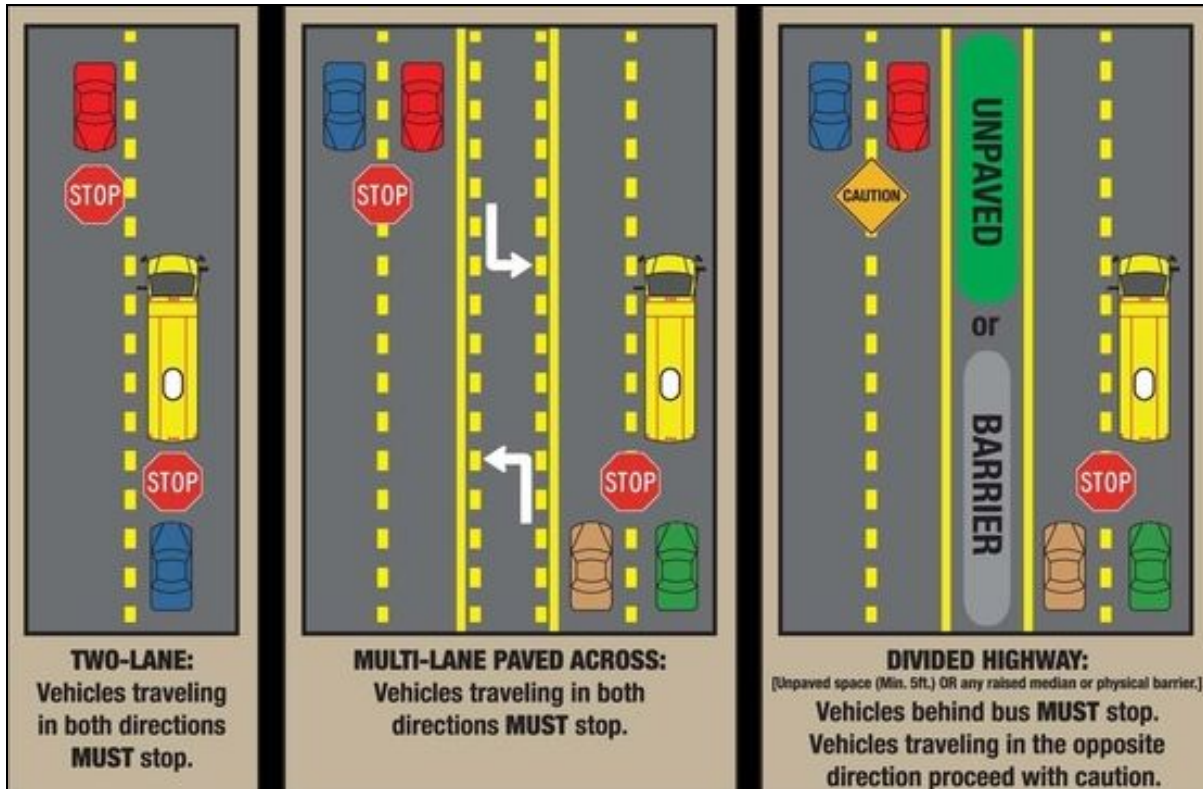


## SCHOOL BUS - STOP ARM SAFETY

Do you know when to stop for a school bus? ISP created a helpful graphic to make sure everyone is safe on their commute.



**Two-Lane Roadways:** If a school bus stops on a two lane road and the red flashing lights are activated and the stop arm is extended, all motorists **MUST** stop.

**Multi-Lane Roadways with NO Barrier between Lanes:** When a school bus stops on a multi-lane roadway without a barrier and the red flashing lights are activated and the stop arm is extended, all motorists **MUST** stop.

**Multi-Lane Roadway with a Grassy and/or Concrete Barrier:** When a school bus stops and the red flashing lights are activated and the stop arm is extended, only vehicles behind the bus **MUST** stop. Vehicles that are approaching from the opposite side are **NOT** required to stop.

## Penalties for disregarding a bus signal in Indiana

Specifically, if a driver fails to stop or disregards a bus signal, that person can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor and potentially face up to **one year in jail** and/or fines of up to \$5,000. However, if the driver injures someone as a result of disregarding a bus law, they can now be charged with a Level 6 felony and potentially face a **half-year to two-and-a-half years in prison** and/or fines up to \$10,000.

(And while the term “felony” always denotes a serious offense, we thought it important to mention that this is the least serious of felonies under Indiana law. Some might argue that the penalties are still not strong enough.)

In the event that a driver passes a stopped bus and an accident results in a [wrongful death](#), that person can be charged with a Level 5 felony and face up to **six years in prison** and/or fines up to \$10,000.

Also new to Indiana’s law books are the potential impact these offenses will have on a driver’s license status. Indiana drivers now face the possibility of having their license revoked for 90 days for a first time bus stop offense. A second offense can result in a year suspension.