

What are School Bus Passing Rules?

Worksheet

School bus passing rules require all vehicles to stop when a school bus displays red flashing lights. Failure to stop can result in fines (typically 200–1000 euros), license points and even jail time in some jurisdictions.

Questions

1. You approach a school bus with red flashing lights. You must...

- A) slow down and check for children
- B) come to a complete stop
- C) proceed if no children are visible
- D) pass if there is an oncoming lane

2. A school bus has yellow flashing lights. This means...

- A) you must stop immediately
- B) the bus is decelerating; approach with caution
- C) you may pass without slowing
- D) the stop lights are broken

3. Failing to stop for a school bus can result in...

- A) a warning only
- B) a fine (200+euros) and license points
- C) license suspension immediately
- D) no consequences in most places

4. A stopped school bus has red lights flashing on a dual road. You are on the opposite side. You should...

- A) pass carefully
- B) slow to 10 km/h
- C) come to a complete stop
- D) continue at normal speed

5. You see a school bus 100 m ahead with red lights flashing. What should you do?

6. A school bus is moving at 40 km/h with yellow lights flashing. Can you pass?

7. On a dual carriageway, a school bus on the opposite side has red lights. Must you stop?

8. Define: When must you stop for a school bus?

9. Define: What do yellow lights on a school bus mean?

10. Define: Can you pass a school bus with red lights on a dual carriageway?

Answer Key

1. B) come to a complete stop — Red flashing lights = mandatory stop. Never assume children aren't present; stop completely.
2. B) the bus is decelerating; approach with caution — Yellow = caution/deceleration. It's not a stop signal, but be ready.
3. B) a fine (200+euros) and license points — Penalties vary by jurisdiction but typically include fines, points, and potential jail time.
4. C) come to a complete stop — Stop is required even on the opposite side. Child safety is paramount.
5. Identify the red flashing lights on the bus. The bus is stopped (red lights = stop signal). You MUST brake and come to a complete stop before reaching the bus. Do not proceed until the red lights stop flashing.
6. Yellow lights mean caution, not a stop signal. The bus is moving — children are not boarding/exiting. You may proceed carefully at a safe speed. But be prepared to stop if the lights turn red.
7. Yes — in most countries, you must stop when ANY school bus has red lights. This includes opposite directions on dual roads. Safety of all children is the priority. Stop completely until the red lights go off.
8. When the bus displays red flashing lights, in any direction.
9. Caution — the bus is slowing or about to stop. Not a mandatory stop signal.
10. No — stop is required even if the bus is on the opposite side.

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