

School Bus Law Initiative- Bridgeville

Bridgeville– The Delaware State Police were out in the Bridgeville area making sure kids got on their school buses safely this morning!

Troopers from Troop 5 hosted a school bus initiative for the Woodbridge School District. Ten Troopers in marked and unmarked patrol vehicles followed 10 school buses the entire route to their destination school. The goal was to enforce the school bus law in an effort to keep children safe in our community. Two motorists were issued a traffic violation for passing a school bus during this initiative.

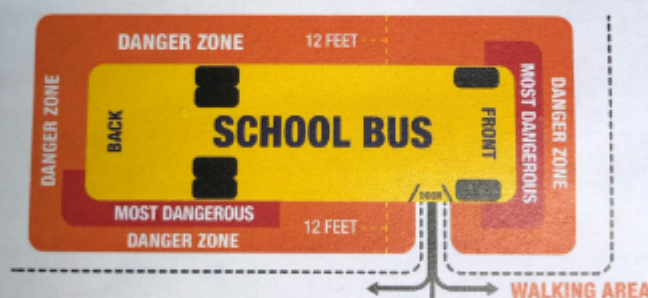
The Troopers in marked vehicles were also proactive by being visible behind buses to deter violations, and school bus pamphlets were handed out educating the public on the school bus law and penalties.



School Bus Safety

Driver Safety Tips

1. Watch out for buses and recognize school zones.
2. Slow down as buses begin their stopping procedures.
3. Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop.
4. Don't start moving until the red stop arm is withdrawn or the flashing lights are off.
5. Make sure that you are not in the "danger zone" of the bus when driving near it.



Delaware Law

Traffic on a two lane road must stop in both directions for a bus with activated lights and signs. For four lane roads, only traffic traveling in the same direction as the bus must stop.

You face serious penalties for passing a stopped school bus.

First offense: \$115-\$230 fine or 1-2 months jail.

Second offense: \$115-\$575 or 2-6 months in jail.

The Delaware State Police want to remind drivers of the state's "Rules of the Road" to keep our children safe when they are getting on or off a school bus. Additionally, it is very important to be aware of the presence of children waiting for the bus during the morning and afternoon hours since it may be dark outside as children attempt to get on and off the bus.



Title 21 Rules of the Road § 4166 Overtaking and passing school bus; stop signal devices.

Overtaking and passing school bus. – When a school bus is

stopped and displays flashing lamps the driver of any vehicle approaching the school bus from the front or from the rear shall stop before passing the bus and remain stopped until such bus begins to move or no longer has the red stop lamps activated. On roadway or roadways with 4 or more lanes, the driver approaching from the front shall not stop.

Penalties – Whoever violates this section shall, for the first offense, be fined not less than \$115 nor more than \$230 or imprisoned not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days or both. For each subsequent like offense occurring within 3 years from the former offense, such person shall be fined not less than \$115 nor more than \$575, and imprisoned not less than 60 days nor more than 6 months. The minimum fine levied for a violation of subsection (d) of this section shall not be subject to suspension.

Suspension of license. – Upon receiving a conviction for a violation, the Department shall suspend the driver's license and/or driving privileges for a period of not less than 1 month, nor more than 1 year.

Please see the full subsection of the law: [Overtaking and Passing School Bus](#)

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