

# SCHOOL BUS —SAFETY—



## School Bus Loading & Unloading



- Stop for flashing red lights on a school bus, regardless of which direction you're headed.
- Continue your trip once the bus has moved, the lights stop flashing or the bus driver signals it's okay to pass.
- If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by a physical barrier such as a raised median or esplanade, only motorists going in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.
- In Cedar Park, a violation for a 1st offense is \$500-\$1,250. If there is a previous conviction within 5 years, fines are \$1,000 to no more than \$2,000.
- As a reminder, school buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings.

## Safety Tips for Motorists



- Obey the posted speed limit.
- Fines double in school zones.
- Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.
- Watch for children who might dart across the street to catch the bus.
- Drive like your own children or grandchildren are on or near the roadway.
- Watch for the many children who walk or ride their bicycles to and from school, in lieu of riding the school bus – and be aware of the many parents who are driving their precious cargo to and from school.

## Safety Tips for Students



Respect your school bus driver and follow these rules:

- Stand far back when you are waiting for the bus.
- Sit still so the driver can pay attention to the road.
- Look both ways if you have to cross the street after getting off the bus, or wait for the driver to signal that it's safe to cross the street.