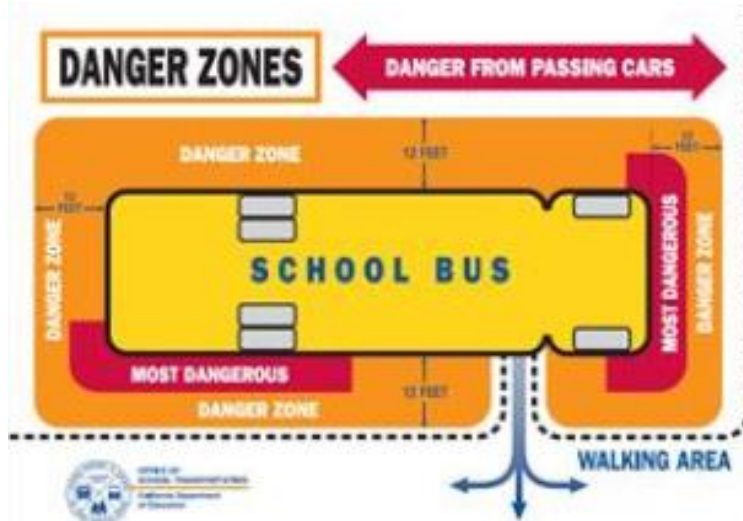


# SAFETY TIPS FOR RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS



1. While waiting for the school bus, stand back at least 10 feet from the curb.
2. Stay out of the Danger Zone. The area around the bus is called the Danger Zone (see diagram above). Stay away from the rear and sides of the bus – always be in a safe place where the driver can see you.
3. Do not approach the bus until the driver opens the entrance door and then walk straight to the bus door. Do not walk down the side of the bus.
4. Never bend down near or under the bus, ask the driver for help if you drop something.
5. Never run after a bus. It's better to miss the bus than risk being hit by a car.
6. Never go back for anything you have left on the bus. Ask for help from your parent or school official to get your item returned.
7. Always follow the directions of the bus driver. By state law, students are under the authority of the driver while on the school bus and crossing the street.
8. If you must cross the street, always cross in front of the bus. The driver will make sure it is safe and direct you when to cross.

## GUIDELINES FOR THE MOTORING PUBLIC

1. Never pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing.
2. Be extra vigilant when the school bus is loading/unloading students. Assume a child might run out at any moment.
3. Be courteous to school buses, as the safety of the children is our highest priority.



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# **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

## **AB 1297 IS NOW THE LAW**

Starting January 1,  
1998 all school buses stopped  
to load or unload pupils must use the  
flashing red lights.

All vehicles must stop when the red lights  
are flashing and may not pass the school bus  
until the red lights are turned off.

All drivers passing a school bus while the red  
lights are flashing will be cited. Fines for  
passing the school bus will be \$150.00  
to \$1,000.00 and could lead to the  
possible suspension of your  
drivers license.

**Please drive safely and  
STOP WHEN RED  
LIGHTS FLASH**