

# North Carolina School Bus Stop Law



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**1 Two-lane roadway:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

**2 Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

**3 Four-lane roadway without a median separation:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

**4 Divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.

**5 Roadway of four lanes or more with a center turning lane:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.

**Your School Bus Passenger Stop...  
Consistency Makes the  
Difference!**

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(poster & placard)



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