

Illegal Passing



Illegal passing of a school bus is defined in 316.172, F.S.

- A motorist has passed illegally if the red student warning lights were activated at the time the motorist passed and the bus was completely stopped at the time the motorist passed
- On a divided roadway, vehicles meeting a properly stopped school bus from the opposite direction are required to stop if the unpaved median strip is less than five feet or no physical barrier is present
- On an undivided roadway, vehicles approaching the stopped school bus **MUST** stop, regardless of the number of lanes or direction of travel

Reporting a Passing Violation

The laws are continually changing to bring awareness to distracted motorists and impose stiffer fines and/or charges for illegally passing a school bus stopped to load or unload students.

If the operator can assist in reporting the incident, the procedures for reporting violations are as follows:

- Confirm the motorist has violated the law before reporting an incident
- Record the vehicle license number and other pertinent information
- Identify the motorist and vehicle, if possible, including a description of motorist
- Personally deliver the information to your supervisor because you are the official witness of the violation
- File a complaint the day an incident occurs or as soon as possible
- Follow district procedures to report violations to the proper law enforcement agency

