

Fox Crossing Police Department

CRIME ALERT

Back to School Safety Reminders

School Zone Speed

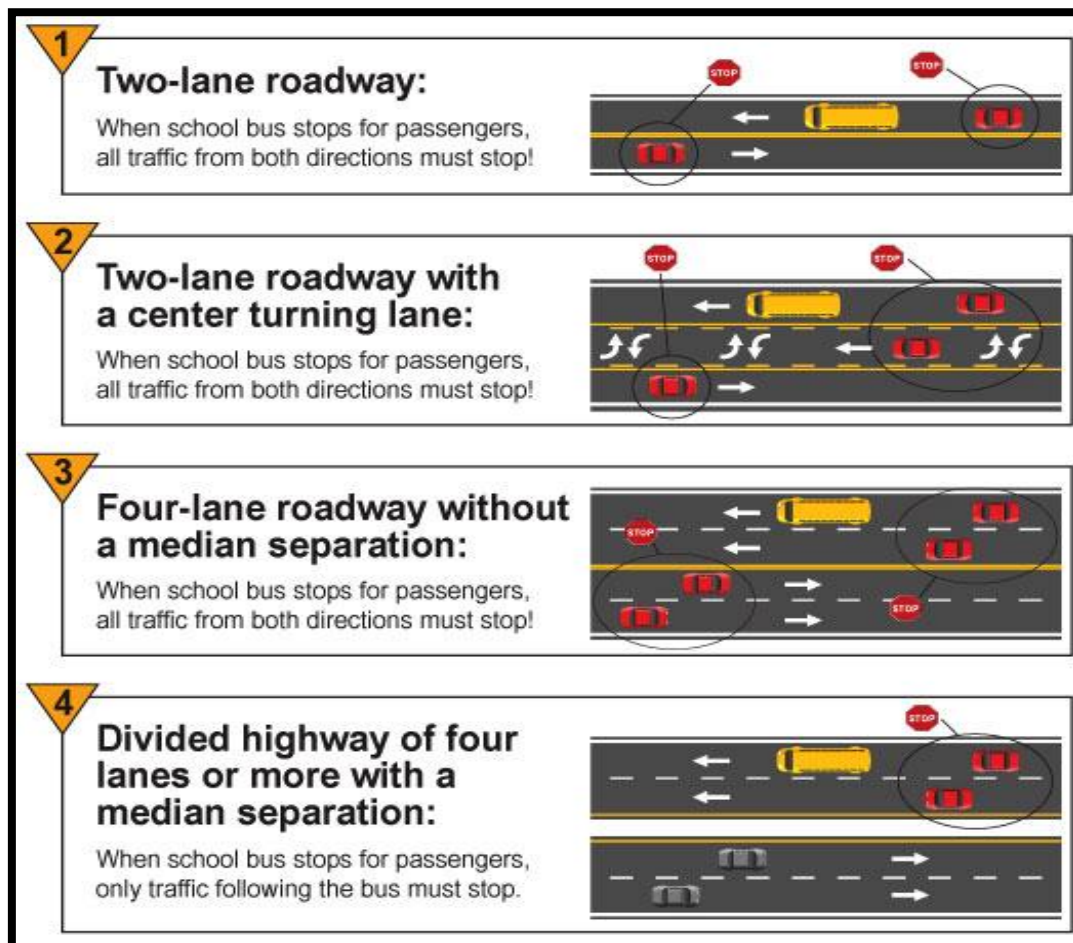
Wisconsin law calls for restricted speed when an area is marked with a “*school crossing*” sign and any of the following:

- Child present.
- Crossing guard within the crosswalk.
- Crossing guard is placing/removing cones/signs.



School Bus

When approaching a stopped school bus with the stop arm/lights activated, vehicles must stop at least 20 feet from the bus. On a divided road or highway, those vehicles traveling on the opposite side as the bus, are not required to stop.



Getting to School

Walking

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available.
- When on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
- Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.
- Never dart out in front of a parked car.



Riding a bicycle

- Make sure your child always wears his/her helmet when leaving the house.
- Make sure helmet is fitted and secured properly.
- Teach your children the rules of the road.
- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file.
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street. Walk bike across street.



Riding the bus

- Make sure your children stand six feet away (or 3 giant steps) from the curb.
- If your child and you need to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the side of the road until you are 10 feet ahead of the bus. You always should be able to see the bus driver, and the bus driver always should be able to see you.



Backpack Safety

- Chose a backpack for your child carefully. It should have ergonomically designed features to enhance safety and comfort.
- Don't overstuff a backpack; it should weigh no more than 10 to 20 percent of your child's body weight.
 - *For example, a child that weighs 60 pounds should carry a backpack no heavier than 12 pounds.*
- Ask your children to use both straps when wearing their backpack to evenly distribute the weight on their shoulders.

