

# School Bus Stop Rule

With the implementation of the new Road Safety Code, there are important changes to school bus safety that all road users in KAUST should be aware of and follow the new rule in Keeping KAUST Safe.

When loading and unloading passengers, school buses must have the STOP arm extended. In addition, the new school bus signage posted on the front and back of buses, as shown in the picture below, reminds road users not to overtake the bus when the STOP arm is extended.



**Do Not Overtake the Bus When the STOP Arm Is Extended.**

**Only Proceed When The STOP Arm Is Retracted And It Is Safe To Do So.**

## Road User Responsibilities

- When a school bus has stopped and has the STOP arm extended, approaching road users must not overtake the bus.
- Vehicles approaching the bus from the opposite direction must come to a complete stop and may only proceed when the STOP arm is retracted, and it is safe to do so.
- Vehicles must give way to pedestrians crossing the road to or from the bus.
- Drivers approaching a school zone must reduce their speed and exercise extreme caution. The likelihood of younger pedestrians, bicyclists, and e-scooters is very high in school zones.
- School zone means: An area near a school beginning at the school's front door, encompassing the campus and school property, and including the streets directly adjacent to the school property and where the maximum speed limit is 30km/hour on days when school children are present.
- Take particular care and look out for young children who may run out from behind the bus into the road or across the street to catch the bus.
- School bus drivers are not allowed to waive their hand/give signals to other vehicles to pass when the stop arm is extended or not extended.

**Please watch this short video that shows what actions drivers must take when the STOP arm is extended.**