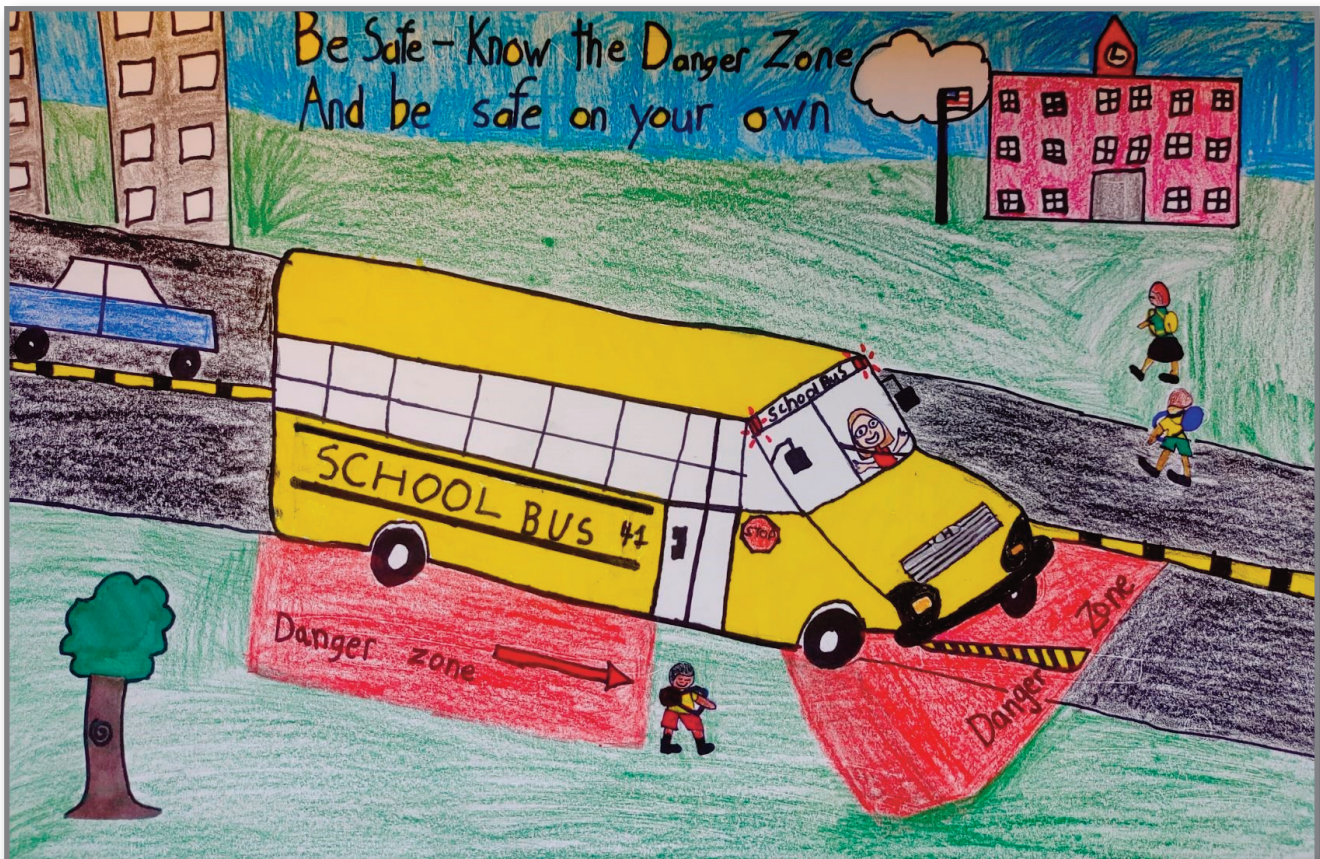




Operation Safe Stop

Public Participation Information



Division 1 - AARAV NAGARKOTI - First Place

Grade 2 • Montour Elementary School



What is Operation Safe Stop?

Operation Safe Stop is a proactive approach to educate the motoring public that passing a stopped school bus, when children are loading or unloading, is both dangerous and illegal. Law enforcement agencies, school transportation providers, pupil transportation associations, and PennDOT have combined their efforts to raise public awareness about the potential consequences, and reduce the occurrence of illegal school bus passes.

Over the past twenty-four years, PennDOT, along with law enforcement agencies and pupil transportation associations, have worked together to conduct Operation Safe Stop. **On Wednesday, October 20, 2021, the 25th Annual Operation Safe Stop will occur.** On this day, we hope that all school districts will participate by having their drivers document any illegal passes occurring on their routes during the day. If possible, the drivers should get identifying information regarding the vehicle and file it with local authorities.



What can be done by the school district?

We are seeking one point of contact from each school district. This person will act as the district's Operation Safe Stop Coordinator. The coordinator's responsibilities include:

- Explaining the tracking procedures to the drivers;
- Identifying a list of trouble spots, routes or stops with a high frequency of violations;
- Coordinating the efforts of their drivers and local law enforcement agencies;
- Contacting local media;
- Collecting and tallying the totals from each driver; and
- Faxing or e-mailing the totals to PennDOT by **November 1, 2021.**

The coordinator's activities will take only a few hours. This is a small time commitment that will make a big difference in our children's safe travel to and from school.

We hope to have local police involved in every school district. They may follow a bus, ride a bus, or watch in a hidden location for illegal passes.

After Operation Safe Stop, each school district and police department will be asked to fax or e-mail their results to PennDOT. **It is important that we receive the information by November 1, 2021.**

This packet includes instructions and copies of the tracking forms to be used during Operation Safe Stop. The "Violation Tracking Form" is formatted to allow you to provide the information to your local police department to issue a citation to the violator. This must be provided to the police department with authority where the violation occurred within 48 hours of the violation. The "Violation Survey Results" can be faxed directly to PennDOT's Special Driver Programs Unit at (717)705-1131 or the information can be e-mailed to Linda Kerstetter at linkerstet@pa.gov.



How do I sign-up?

Complete the attached Operation Safe Stop Participant form and fax it to PennDOT's Special Driver Programs Unit at (717) 705-1131 or you can e-mail your information to linkerstet@pa.gov. If you have any further questions regarding Operation Safe Stop, please call Linda Kerstetter at (717) 705-6799.



OPERATION SAFE STOP PARTICIPANT

NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

COUNTY: _____

INTERMEDIATE UNIT: _____

CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION

NAME: _____

COMPANY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Have you contacted local police department(s) to get them involved? Yes or No

Are any of your local police department(s) planning to participate? Yes or No

If yes, please list contact name and telephone number of police department(s) that are participating:

Have you contacted your local media regarding event coverage? Yes or No

If yes, will they be providing coverage? Yes or No

Media Contact Information:

VIOLATION SURVEY RESULTS

Please compile a list of the violation surveys completed on October 20, 2021 and insert your totals below.

Please fax or mail this form by **November 1, 2021** to:

MAIL TO: Linda Kerstetter
 PennDOT
 P.O. Box 68684
 Harrisburg, PA 17106-8684
 FAX (717) 705-1131

Information may also be E-Mailed to
 Linda Kerstetter at: linkerstet@pa.gov

Driver or Bus Number	Was Bus Equipped with Working Side Stop Arm Camera System?	Violations Noted	Violations Sent to Police
(SAMPLE) Bus 11 *****	Yes or No	10 *****	10 *****
TOTALS			

Submitted by: _____ Phone: _____

For School District: _____ Date: _____