

RECEIVING OR DISCHARGING SCHOOL BUS PASSENGERS. G.S. 20-217(d).

The motor vehicle law provides that it is unlawful for [a school bus<sup>1</sup> driver<sup>2</sup> to stop<sup>3</sup> and receive, or to discharge passengers] or for any [principal or superintendent of any school bus driver, routing a school bus, to authorize the driver of any school bus to stop and receive, or to discharge passengers] on a public road divided into two roadways, where passengers would be required to cross the public road to reach their destination or to board the bus.<sup>4</sup>

A violation of this law is negligence within itself.

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<sup>1</sup>Includes public, private and parochial school buses. G.S. 20-218.1.

<sup>2</sup>North Carolina statutory requirements for school bus drivers are set forth in G.S. 20-218(a). There may also be additional federal law requirements.

<sup>3</sup>Speed limits for school buses are set in G.S. 20-218(b).

<sup>4</sup>G.S. 20-217(b) provides that this law does not apply if passengers are received or discharged at points where pedestrian and vehicular traffic is controlled by adequate stop-and-go traffic signals.

