

8-Light Warning System, Student Loading To load in areas where the 8-light warning system will be used, follow these steps:

1. Check traffic in all directions.
2. **Activate alternately flashing amber lights: a. 300 feet before stopping in a speed zone of more than 35 mph. b. 100 feet before stopping in a speed zone of 35 mph or less.**
3. As the bus nears the stop, count the students. It is a safe practice to plan to stop 6-8 feet before reaching the waiting students. Roll slowly forward until in proper position. The bus should be stopped in the middle of the right lane.
4. After stopping and putting the transmission in neutral, check traffic to make sure it is able to stop.
5. Open the service door just a crack to activate the alternately flashing red lights and activate the stop signal arm.
6. Make sure that all traffic is stopped before opening the door fully.
7. Students who must cross the road should cross at least ten feet in front of the bus, after being signaled by the driver that it is safe to do so.
8. A long, steady blast of the horn can be used as a warning to students that it is NOT safe to cross.
9. Count all students as they enter the bus.
10. The driver must not retract the stop signal arm nor turn off the flashing red signals until the loading is completed and the students are safely seated.
11. Always recheck side and crossover mirrors and close the service door before moving the bus.

8-Light Warning System, Student Unloading To unload in areas where the 8-light warning system will be used, follow these steps:

1. Check traffic in all directions.
2. **Activate alternately flashing amber lights: a. 300 feet before stopping in a speed zone of more than 35 mph. b. 100 feet before stopping in a speed zone of 35 mph or less. 3. Slow gradually and stop in the middle of the right lane.**
4. After stopping and putting the transmission in neutral, check traffic to make sure it is able to stop.
5. Open the service door just a crack to activate the alternately flashing red lights and activate the stop signal arm.
6. Make sure that all traffic is stopped before opening the door fully.
7. Count the students as they leave the bus.
8. Pupils should walk away from the bus and not go toward the rear of the bus.
9. Students who must cross the road should move out at least ten feet in front of the bus, make eye contact with the driver and wait for the driver to signal that it is safe to cross. Check traffic carefully before giving the signal to cross.
10. A long steady blast of the horn can be used as a warning to students that it is NOT safe to cross.
11. Always check your mirrors and recount your students before moving the bus.