

This is a collection of fatality accident synopses provided by the state agencies responsible for school transportation safety and/or accident records for the years indicated. These synopses were taken from the National Loading and Unloading Survey Reports. The methodology of collection and reporting of the synopsis data varied in the early years of the survey, and not all synopses are available for some years. Only those fatality accidents involving school children in or around the loading or unloading areas of a school bus are included in this survey. On-board fatalities are excluded, as are pedestrian-type fatalities that occur when the school bus is not in the near vicinity at the time of the accident.

### 1970-1978

- No available information available.

### 1979 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 39

### NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 27

- Student departed bus – crossed in front – dropped lunch box. Driver did not see the student, left front wheel ran over child. (10-year-old girl)
- Student departed bus, dropped papers near right front wheel. Driver could not see boy, made sharp right turn, striking student with right wheel. (15-year-old boy)
- School bus approaching route stop. Student was crossing the street to be on right side of the road, was struck by car. Bus not close enough to have warning lights on, but was in sight of accident. (12-year-old girl)
- Student received fatal injuries while being escorted by school bus driver across mountainous highway in rural area. Motorist failed to stop for the school bus flashing red lights. (6-year-old girl)
- Student ran back to pick up Easter basket, struck by front wheel of bus. (5-year-old)
- Student ran back to retrieve school papers, struck by rear wheels of school bus. (7-year-old)
- Student was crossing roadway to board the bus, struck by a passing auto. (6-year-old)
- Six students unloaded and driver noted each one had crossed in front of the bus to other side of street. Driver checked right mirror and closed door, child apparently ran back to get valentine she had dropped as the bus moved forward, run over by front wheel. (7-year-old girl)
- Tanker truck passed stopped school bus from rear on right side striking student as he was attempting to board bus. (9-year-old boy)
- Dump truck passed stopped bus from front, striking student as she was crossing road to board bus. Truck skidded on wet pavement. (8-year-old girl)
- Student run over by own bus while crossing road after exiting for home. Driver distracted momentarily, did not see victim close to front of bus. (7-year-old boy)
- Passenger car passed stopped school bus from rear striking student as he was crossing road to board bus on way to school. (5-year-old boy)
- Student run over by own bus after leaving bus for home. Victim ran into path of the bus to retrieve a piece of paper as bus pulled away. (8-year-old girl)

- Student run over by own bus while crossing road after leaving bus for home. Victim dropped books in front of bus. Driver did not notice, pulled out. (7-year-old girl)
- Student was waiting at school for bus to take him to another school. Witnesses said that he was running toward the approaching school bus when he tripped and fell beneath the moving bus. Struck by right rear wheel. (6-year-old boy)
- Student was discharged with other passengers at regular route stop. Student walked around in front of the school bus toward the other side of the road. As bus pulled away, a witness reported that a paper she was carrying blew under the bus – she attempted to retrieve the item and was run over. Bus driver was not aware of the accident until advised at termination of route. (5-year-old-girl)
- Student exited school bus and tried to cross street in front of bus. Bus struck victim as it accelerated away from the stop. (5-year-old boy)
- The bus had stopped to load the pupil. The stop arm was extended and the warning lights were flashing. The oncoming automobile failed to stop and struck the child. (6-year-old boy)
- Student got off bus across from his home. Crossed street and apparently ran back in front of the bus as it started to pull from bus stop. Struck student with left front tire. (5-year-old boy)
- Student departed bus on way home from school. She apparently crossed the street towards her house then re-crossed the street in front of the bus as it was leaving. (5-year-old girl)
- Student was struck at the edge of the street by a car driven by an elderly lady who did not see the stopped school bus. The roadway was straight, visibility was ideal, the flashing red lights were on, and no traffic was in view when the girl was discharged from the bus. Witnesses in another car felt the lady was distracted by something inside her car. Both the victim and the driver became aware of the crisis at the instant. The child ran toward the edge of the road and the driver swerved to the right. (12-year-old girl)
- Bus approaching stop to pick up student. Car approaching from opposite direction, so bus driver withheld stop-arm to allow car to pass. Student, however, ran out in front of the car and was hit. (6-year-old girl)
- Student stepped out of her father’s car, walked around the front and ran into the street to reach the loading area of her bus, was struck by another bus traveling opposite direction. (6-year-old girl)
- School bus was stopped on fast shoulder, unloading school children. Victim’s parent was parked on gravel area approximately 19 feet from shoulder, waiting to pick up children. Three (3) students had stepped off the bus and were walking to the waiting vehicle. A non-contact vehicle approached bus from rear and stopped. A pickup truck and trailer following non-contact vehicle attempted to stop but was exceeding safe speed and lost control, leaving roadway onto right shoulder, skidding about 64 ft., striking parked auto, continuing on striking two (2) students and then sideswiped school bus. (Injured 13-year-old, fatal to 5-year-old girl)
- Special education student walked completely around the bus, around back to front and was run over by her bus. (4-year-old girl)
- School bus driver stated she had slowed at route pickup point, student not present not in sight, so continued on. Driver picked up another student at regular route stop, then was returning in opposite direction and noticed absent student waiting at first stop. Driver activated yellow warning flashers as the bus approached student, noticed oncoming car at same time. Approaching car not traveling at excessive speed, but it was apparent it would not stop. Child was unaware of approaching car, started across the road before the red light came on and before being instructed to cross. Child was struck at about same time bus came to complete stop. (5-year-old boy)
- School bus stopped on highway with overhead red flashing lights on (also headlights), near the south end of a bridge to let student off who had to cross highway in front of the bus. Car coming across the ridge as child went around in front of school bus. Before car got close driver of school bus started honking horn and waving her hand to get the other driver’s

attention. She continued on thru flashing lights evidently never seeing lights, bus or child in her lane of traffic, striking student fatally. (8-year-old-boy)

- School bus stopped to discharge passenger at bus stop. The student crossed in front of bus, and stepped onto the curb. As operator started to pull forward, victim ran into street and was crushed by left rear wheels. (11-year-old boy)
- School bus operator loaded a group of students at school parking lot. Another school bus stopped to discharge a student who suddenly remembered she had to stay after school, crossed in front of bus. As other operator proceeded around the bus, struck the victim. Operator checked the side mirror and saw the victim laying in the parking lot. (9-year-old girl)
- School bus operator discharged a group of students at bus stop. Student crossed in front of bus, and stopped to pick up papers. Driver checked mirrors, started to pull forward, and after hearing a thump, stopped the vehicle. Victim apparently struck by right rear wheels of bus. (5-year-old boy)
- School bus stopped to discharge student at stop. Student crossed in front of bus, stopped to wave at passerby. As driver started to pull forward, struck the victim with front end of bus knocking him down, and run over victim with left rear dual wheels (6-year-old boy)
- Fatality occurred on trip home, in loading/unloading area. Case in court, no statement available. (6-year-old boy)
- Student dropped a book in front of the bus, bus struck student. (7-year-old boy)
- Two bus riders departed bus. One child proceeded ahead on the right side of the roadway, while second child crossed in front of bus. Driver checked first child to see if child was out of danger. Upon rechecking other child, cross over mirrors revealed nothing. Bus started forward and felt wheels run over something. Child was instantly killed. A child's purse was found, indicating the student was evidently trying to retrieve the dropped purse, and was out of the mirror view area as well as drivers direct view. (6-year-old girl)
- Pupil crossed then returned to front of bus and was struck by the bus. (5-year-old girl)
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- Pupil apparently lingered in front of bus after other children had crossed and driver did not notice pupil. (10-year-old girl).
- Student was crossing to board the bus and was struck by another school bus approaching from rear. Driver claimed brake failure was responsible for inability to stop and veered to left to avoid impact with stopped school bus. Pupil crossing that lane "froze" and was hit by bus. (6-year-old girl)
- Student was not at the bus stop at the usual time. One other pupil boarded the bus. Bus driver closed door and started to move, drove a few feet and felt a "thump". Tardy student apparently had approached bus from rear, ran alongside as bus started out and slipped under back wheels. Weather included snow/sleet/ice. (5-year-old boy)

**1980 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 30**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 17**

- Student departed bus on way home from school and was struck by the front of the school bus.
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- Student was waiting for school bus to go to school at normal pick up point. Passing motor vehicle struck student.
- Pedestrian had gotten off the bus and crossed in front of it. Witnesses said he then ran back to the rear side of the bus and was struck by the rear wheel as the bus pulled away from the curb. (6-year-old-boy)
- Five students got off bus. Four moved to the right. The fatality victim moved to the left in front of the bus. The bus moved forward striking the student. The driver did not know he had hit the student until he made the return trip. (Approximately one mile before driver started the return trip). (5-year-old girl)

- Seven-year-old was run over by school bus on trip home. It is unknown how the pupil fell under the rear wheels. The bus ran over the pupil's head killing him instantly. The substitute driver state he let off eight pupils at the stop. Seven went to the front, the victim went down the sidewalk towards the rear of the bus. The driver proceeded to pull forward so he could back into the turn-around. While he was pulling forward, he heard a crushing noise which he thought was ice. One of the high school pupils in the rear of the bus looked out the window and saw the pupil lying on the roadway and informed the driver. (7-year-old boy)
- Child crossed street. Driver's attention diverted to noise on right side of bus. Driver knew child had crossed in front of bus and proceeded to pull away. Child apparently ran in front of the bus to pick up paper. (7 or 8-year-old girl)
- Bus was stopped on rural road. Warning lights were on and several vehicles were stopped behind the bus. A fire engine approached from rear of bus and passed vehicles and bus. Child struck by fire truck as she stepped from in front of bus. (7 or 8-year-old girl)
- Student was departing bus and was crossing in front - bus started up - knocked victim down - student was run over by left rear duals. (8-year-old boy).

**1981 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 37**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 19**

- Student was crossing road to load on the school bus. Bus was stopped with lights on and stop arm extended. Car meeting school bus did not stop and fatally injured student. (8-year-old male)
- Student was running after school bus. The student ran along the left side of the bus towards the front of the vehicle. He turned in front of the bus. The driver did not observe the student and pulled forward, striking the student with the front wheel. (6-year-old-male)
- School bus was stopped and had the red lights flashing and stop arm extended. Child got off the bus and was crossing the road in front of the bus, when a motorist failed to stop for the bus and struck and killed the child. (11-year-old female)
- School bus stopped with lights flashing and stop arm extended. Motorist sped up to beat the school bus amber lights and struck and killed the child crossing the road to board the bus. (11-year-old female)
- Several students departed the school bus and crossed in front to cross the road. Student disappeared from view of the school bus driver and was struck and killed by the front of the bus. (5-year-old female)
- Several students departed school bus on trip home, crossed in front of the bus to cross the road. Student was out of view of the driver and was struck and killed by the front of the bus. (6-year-old female)
- School bus was stopped to pick up student. Motorist ignored warning signals and went past bus striking and killing student. (6-year-old male)
- Student exited bus on trip home and ran back in front of the bus to retrieve a dropped article, struck by the front of the school bus. (5-year-old female)
- After departing the school bus, the student ran back as the bus was turning left and fell under the rear dual wheels. (7-year-old-male)
- Student got off the school bus on the way home, ran back in front of the bus to retrieve dropped article and was struck by the front of the bus. (6-year-old female)
- Student dropped books and papers and went under the school bus to get them. Hit by the front of the bus. (7-year-old female)
- Student dropped books and went under the school bus to retrieve them. Hit by the front of the school bus. (7-year-old-female)

- Student walked out in front of the oncoming car to load on the school bus. (7-year-old female)
- Students departed bus on trip home and was apparently struck by the front of the bus. Driver was not aware he had struck the student until he was on the return trip after proceeding to end of the street and making turn. (4-year-old female)
- Student ran into rear wheels of coal truck as he was crossing the road to board the bus. Coal truck was approaching from opposite direction and passed stopped school bus. (11-year-old male)
- Student departed bus on trip home and for some unknown reason, suddenly ran in front of the bus as it pulled away from stop. Student was apparently knocked down by the front of the bus and run over by the rear wheels. (7-year-old female)
- Middle school child was crossing highway after unloading the bus when car following bus passed bus with stop signs and flashing lights activated, fatally injuring child. (12-year-old female)
- School bus was stopped to pick up afternoon kindergarten student; 18-wheeler following bus lost control of vehicle, slammed into right rear of the bus then hit child, mother and 3-year-old niece, killing all three. (5-year-old female)
- School bus stopped to unload student. A feed truck following the bus was unable to stop (brake failure) and hit child as she was crossing the highway in front of the bus. (Truck attempted to pass bus in left lane when he realized bus was stopped for unloading). (5-year-old female)
- Several students were crossing the street in front of the school bus. An automobile approaching from the front of the bus locked the brakes 45 feet prior to striking two students and continued skidding for another 33 feet. One student was fatally injured. (9-year-old male)
- Two children crossed in front of the school bus and the third child hesitated. The driver of the school bus did not see the third student and started moving the bus forward. The student was struck and killed by the bus. (5-year-old male)
- Student was crossing in front of the stopped school bus. An automobile approaching from the opposite direction struck and killed the child. It was dark and there were conflicting statements as to whether the warning lights were functioning during the entire stop sequence. (12-year-old female)
- School bus driver had made a regularly assigned route stop, discharged 8-10 students, closed the service door, checked visually forward and rearward in her mirrors. Seeing no one near the school bus, she began to move forward to continue her run. Witness said student crossed in front of the bus, walked along the left side of the bus, dropped something near the rear tires and bent low to pick it up. Student was struck by left rear wheels. (5-year-old male)
- Student exited the school bus and crossed the street in front of the bus to get to school. Witnesses said he apparently dropped something, walked back in front of the bus and bent over to pick it up. Driver did not see him, pulled away and struck the youth. (8-year-old male)
- School bus stopped in traffic to discharge student. Driver turned to discipline other students. Driver then turned back around, did not see victim and started ahead. Student was struck by the left front wheel of the bus (5-year-old male)
- Student got off the school bus, passed in front of the bus, stooped to pick up something and was run over by the school bus. (5-year-old female)
- School bus driver was distracted by student disturbance at rear of the bus while boarding students. Did not see child drop papers and lean over to pick them up. Started bus in motion and ran over student. (9-year-old female)
- Student exited school bus and crossed in front. Driver thought all students had crossed and proceeded with run, hitting student with left front bumper. (5-year-old female)
- Student exited school bus and crossed in front. Student dropped lunch box and as he bent to retrieve it was hit by left front bumper of the bus. (8-year-old male)

- The student stopped to retrieve a book that had been dropped. The driver thought the child had already crossed the road. The bus crushed the student under the left front wheel. (9-year-old male)
- Normally, two children get off at this stop. The day of the accident a cousin went home with the students. The driver, accustomed to letting off two students, failed to note the third child and pulled over her while she was in the blind spot area of his convex mirror. (6-year-old female)
- Pupil was crossing in front of the school bus, dropped papers, stopped to collect them and was struck by the front of the bus.
- Pupil slipped on ice and fell under rear wheels as she walked along the right side of the bus. (female)
- Pupil crossed then returned to pick up an object dropped and was struck by the school bus.
- Pupil was crossing and driver did not see pupil who was in a blind spot.
- Fatality occurred when five pupils exited from the bus, all of them having to cross the road. Somehow the driver did not account for one of them and killed the pupil when the bus was set in motion. (5-year-old male)
- Student departed the school bus. After exiting, the student dropped some papers. Rear wheels of the school bus ran over the student. (7-year-old male)

**1982 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 28**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 17**

- The school bus was loading students at an assigned school bus stop in a rural area. Car approached the bus from the rear and could not stop. Car passed bus on right side and killed child standing in line waiting to board the school bus. (5-year-old male)
- Student was struck by the school bus after departing on trip home.
- Student was hit by a car while attempting to load onto the school bus for a trip to school.
- Student dropped something in front of the bus and was in the process of picking it up when struck by the front of the bus. (6-year-old male)
- Student dropped something in front of the bus and was in the process of picking it up when struck by the front of the bus. (7-year-old male)
- Student struck by the front of the bus after departing on trip home.
- Student struck by the rear wheels of the school bus after departing on trip home.
- School bus was stopped at the stop sign (T Intersection) where the student was discharged from the bus. Student proceeded to run across roadway to the east towards his home. An auto traveling south struck the child as he crossed the roadway. (14-year-old, special ed., male)
- Student dropped something in front of the bus as she was going to the sidewalk. She went back to pick up what she had dropped. The bus driver did not see her come back and rolled over her when pulling from the stop. (6-year-old female)
- Student was killed when a motorist ran the stop arm and lights of the school bus as it was loading children. (5-year-old male)
- Student struck by vehicle which failed to stop for "red lights". Student walking across the road in front of stopped school bus when passing vehicle failed to stop for "red lights."

- Student crossing the street in front of a stopped school bus – bent over in front of bus to pick up some papers he had dropped – run over by the school bus. (Male)
- School bus stopped at a driveway to let two brothers off the bus. They exited the bus and had to cross the highway. One boy crossed and the other dropped something, bent over to pick it up. The bus driver was scolding other students in the bus because of a disturbance of some kind. She then looked at the driveway and saw the one boy walking up the driveway and thinking the second boy had ran to the house, she started forward running over the boy (7-year-old male)
- A girl and her older brother depart the school bus at their home. The girl had her arms full of snow boots, etc. She was run over by the right rear duals of the bus as it moved forward. The driver stated that he saw the girl and her brother on the left side of the bus after they crossed the road. All of the physical evidence was moved before the local law enforcement officer arrived and there were no other witnesses. The brother did not even see what happened. We can only guess what might have happened. 1) she ran back behind the bus to pick up something she had dropped; 2) she never crossed the road and either dropped something and crawled or slipped under the bus. (8-year-old female)
- Student departed the school bus on the trip home. Driver lost sight of the student who had to cross the street. Student was struck by right rear wheels of the bus. (12-year-old male)
- School bus stopped to load passenger on east side of the roadway. The normal practice included loading a student from the west side of the road at this same location. The driver picked up the student from the east shoulder and apparently did not see the student coming from his residence which was 155 feet off the west shoulder. The driver, after loading the one student, proceeded north. The student coming from the residence on the west was accompanied by his sister, ran out in front of the school bus. The student got hung up under the bus and was dragged .6 of a mile, where the student fell out from under the bus after it made a right turn onto another roadway. The driver did not know that she had struck the student and proceeded on to her destination at the elementary school. There were 32 students on the bus at the time and none of them saw the student come from the residence and go out across the highway to board the bus (5-year-old male)
- The school bus stopped to discharge a pupil at the school bus stop. He crossed in front of the bus (red lights were on and other cars were stopped behind it) and was hit by a passing motorist (car from opposite direction) running the lights and knocking him 50 to 60 feet through the air. (5-year-old male)
- The school bus stopped to discharge pupils at the school bus stop. The student discovered she had dropped something in front of the bus and went back to retrieve it. The driver's attention was diverted to a problem in the bus. The driver saw the student's brother in the yard and assumed his sister was in the house. The driver proceeded, striking the girl with the rear dual wheel. (6-year-old female)
- The school bus stopped to discharge pupils at the school bus stop. The students got off and stood to the right side of the bus. The next thing the driver remembers seeing is the boy lying in the street. (8-year-old male)
- The school bus stopped to discharge pupils at school bus stop. The student got off with her sister. The driver saw both girls cross the street and walk into the yard. The driver's attention was diverted to the back of the bus and the girl went to the front of the bus to pick up something she dropped. The driver proceeded and hit the student with the front bumper running over her. (6-year-old female)
- Bus stopped with red flashing lights operating. Several started to cross in front of the bus. The driver noticed a vehicle fast approaching from the rear and passing several stopped cars and another school bus that also had the red lights flashing. Bus driver honked and motioned children back out of the traffic lane. The vehicle struck and killed one child. (10-year-old male)
- Student exited school bus and crossed the road to the opposite berm. A tractor trailer truck did not stop for the legally stopped school bus, passed the bus on the left, ran off the road and struck the student. (10-year-old male)
- School bus stopped to unload passengers, two vehicles had stopped behind the bus and the third vehicle passed the two stopped vehicles and the bus striking the student. The driver of the vehicle said that he was chasing an ambulance. (9-year-old female)



- Student was struck by a car as she was crossing the road on her way to her bus stop. The accident occurred at a hillcrest when the school bus was approximately 200 yards from the stop. Unknown if advance warning lights were in use when accident occurred. (7-year-old female)
- Sources indicate that the student was picked up at his parents' home and transported on the school bus to a grocery store. The driver gave the student, along with some others, permission to get off the bus and wait at the store until he returned from his double-back route. When the student saw the bus returning, he apparently ran in front of a car that was traveling in the opposite direction from the school bus. (9-year-old male)
- The accident occurred on the afternoon route taking students home from school. After the student was discharged from the bus, the pupil started across the road and the driver failing to see the pupil ran over him with the front of the bus. (5-year-old male)
- The accident occurred on the afternoon route taking students home from school. After making the stop and discharging several pupils, the driver pulled off and felt the left rear wheel of the bus hit something. The driver stopped and found the pupil had been struck by the left rear wheel of the school bus. Subsequent investigation confirmed that the child crossed the road behind the bus. (5-year-old male)

**1983 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 31**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 24**

- The school bus was stopped to unload children. Children were crossing in front of the bus. The school bus was hit from the rear by a road grader. The bus was knocked approximately 50 feet killing the student. The road grader also ran over the child. (8-year-old-male)
- Several students exited the school bus. The student that was killed joined other students in "hooky-bobbing" on the back of the bus. There wasn't sufficient room, so he held on to the side of the bus near the right rear wheels. His feet slipped under the wheels as the bus made a turn. The right rear duals ran over the student before the driver could stop. (12-year-old male)
- Student was on the trip home from school and was struck by the front of the school bus. (5-year-old female)
- The school bus stopped on a four-lane road which did not have a physical barrier divider. Two vehicles stopped behind the school bus. A third vehicle passed both stopped cars and the school bus from the rear and struck and killed the student as she crossed the road. (12-year-old female)
- Student was going home from school and was struck and killed by the front of the school bus. (5-year-old)
- Student was going home from school and was struck and killed by a vehicle passing the stopped school bus. (5-year-old)
- A westbound auto driven by an 84-year-old male did not heed the red flashing lights of the school bus or stop arm and struck the student as he crossed rural blacktop road. (7-year-old male)
- The school bus driver stopped and discharged three students. The driver said that all three were observed clearing the front of the bus, and at that time she started forward and felt and heard a thump, and immediately stopped. The driver did not see the victim in front of the school bus. A witness driving a second school bus behind the fatality vehicle stated she saw two students clear the front of the bus and observed the victim on the ground under the stop arm of 1<sup>st</sup> school bus. She stated she saw the school bus drive over the victim with the left rear tires. (9-year-old male)
- The bus approached street-side loading area at Jr. High School. Students lined up waiting for buses to arrive. One student was moving toward the street as buses pulled into loading area. Student tripped over another pupil's foot and fell beneath the right rear duals of the bus and was killed. (8-year-old male)
- Bus stopped in subdivision to load several students. Substitute driver, distracted by other students on the bus, failed to see student crossing in front of the bus. Driver proceeded, striking student with front wheel. (6-year-old male)



- Bus stopped to unload students on rural road. Red flashing warning lights and stop arm were operating properly. Five vehicles stopped behind the bus. Vehicle approaching from rear, passed all five vehicles and the school bus, striking student crossing road. (8-year-old male)
- The school bus had just picked up two children at a school bus stop and started to leave. The pedestrian was late for the school bus and ran in front of the moving school bus. The pedestrian was knocked down and went under the vehicle, the right rear tires ran over the pedestrian. The driver did not see the pedestrian. (5-year-old male)
- The student was on the way home and was struck by the rear of the school bus after exiting. (5-year-old male)
- Student was on trip home from school and was struck by the front of the school bus.
- Student checked traffic before crossing the two-lane roadway on trip home. An oil truck came over the crest of a hill from behind and could not stop on the down grade. The truck driver passed the standing bus on the left and swerved back into the right lane to avoid the waiting car facing him. In doing this the truck struck the boy who apparently froze in panic. (10-year-old male)
- Three students, including the victim disembarked from the bus and were playing close to the right side of the bus when the driver started forward. The victim fell under the bus in front of the right rear dual wheels. (5-year-old female)
- The driver of a passenger vehicle failed to see a stopped school bus with stop sign and all lights in operation due to fog. The vehicle struck the right rear of the bus in a glancing blow at 45 mph and continued down the right side striking two boys just outside the entrance door of the school bus. One student died approximately 12 hours after the accident, the second survived. (9-year-old male)
- The student was fatally injured when he fell into the rear wheel area of the school bus as it pulled up to a loading point in a housing development. (5-year-old male)
- Fatality occurred on trip home, struck by the front of the school bus. (6-year-old)
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- Fatality occurred on trip home, struck by the front of the school bus (7-year-old)
- The school bus was stopped with flashing red lights in operation to unload the student. The student has passed in front when a van approaching the bus from the rear attempted to pass. The student was subsequently struck and killed by the van. (14-year-old female)
- The school bus stopped to discharge passengers at the bus stop. The student exited the school bus, the operator closed the door, assumed that the child was walking to the rear of the bus. At the same point, the child turned and walked around to the front of the bus, the operator not looking in the front mirror, which would enable him to see the child, began to move forward. As the bus moved forward, the child was struck and killed. (6-year-old male)
- Student was discharged from the bus. The driver paid no attention, child went to retrieve an object that rolled under the bus. Right rear wheels ran over student. (5-year-old female)
- Substitute driver trying to control discipline in the rear of the bus, thinking that the student had already crossed in front of the bus, started in motion and struck the student (female)
- Bus driver stated that four students departed the bus, three students went to the right and one crossed in front of the bus. The driver claimed that she did not see the student, started the bus in motion and struck the student. (female)
- The school bus driver was making the first afternoon unloading stop, with about 20 students exiting the bus. He waited about 2 minutes for the students to clear the area before he moved the bus. He checked all mirrors and proceeded to pull away when he felt a bump and realized that he had run over something. An investigation revealed that the student had

apparently dropped some school papers in front of the bus and ran back to get them. Bending over, she was out of sight of the driver. (6-year-old female)

- The driver stated the bus was stopped to discharge school children. Students were discharged from the bus, the door closed, checked mirrors, moved into a right turn, and after nearly completing the turn, had a feeling to stop the bus. The bus's right rear duals had run over the student. It was the student's birthday, and due to her preoccupation with activities planned, she proceeded into the street into the path of the school bus. (6-year-old female)
- Driver approached loading zone at the school to pick up students. He was about two minutes late, and as he approached the curb there were students standing in the parking lot and on the lawn. Some of the students started to approach the bus and there was some pushing and shoving as the students tried to jockey for position in line. The driver applied the brakes and brought the bus to a stop. Hearing a scream, he looked in the right lower mirror and saw someone lying in front of the front tire. He backed the bus up and got off to render aid. (16-year-old female)
- A passenger vehicle was passing a school bus disabled in the roadway when the victim exited the bus and walked around the front of the bus and stepped into the path of the passenger vehicle. This occurred on the trip to school. (9-year-old female)
- Driver of the bus advised that she had let the child off at the regular stop. She advised the student to stay on the sidewalk with his skateboard, then checked all mirrors, saw nothing and then proceeded. The next thing she knew other motorists were telling her to stop, she did and got off the bus and observed the child laying on the roadway. (8-year-old male)

**1984 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 30**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 22**

- The driver of a vehicle passes through the stop arm and alternately flashing red lights of a school bus that was stopped to discharge students at a regularly scheduled stop. The fatality occurred as the student was crossing in front of the school bus. (7-year-old female)
- The students exited the bus and crossed the street in front of the bus. The driver was distracted a moment, looked in the mirrors (including the crossover mirror) and saw nothing. The driver started the bus forward. The child was underneath the bus, in front of the left front wheel. The bus moved approximately 18 inches with the left front wheel passing over the child (6-year-old female)
- Three children exited the bus, two going around the front and one going around the rear. The child going around the rear slipped or fell under the right rear wheel and was run over. (8-year-old male)
- Child slipped or fell and was run over by the right rear wheel. (5-year-old female)
- The school bus was stopped at a loading area and the ignition wires began to spark and smoke; thus, the engine would not start. The bus driver went to call for another bus at a nearby residence. The bus started rolling down a slight negative grade. The students started jumping out of the entrance. The victim jumped as the bus swerved to the right off the shoulder and the right wheels ran over the victim. (7-year-old female)
- At a regular stop on the bus route one boy and two girls exited the bus. One girl usually crosses the street in front of the bus and the other two children stay on the side of the street which they exit the bus from. The driver became involved in a conversation with the mother of the boy concerning the child's behavior on the bus. When ready to leave the stop the driver shut off the amber and red flashing light system, checked the mirrors and proceeded forward. The driver felt a bump and several cars were blowing their horns. The driver then stopped the bus and saw the child lying in the roadway. The bus was noisy with the 14 or 15 remaining passengers and the driver stated that the crossover mirror moves out of adjustment all the time. (6-year-old female)
- Three students exited the bus at a regular stop. The driver observed the students begin to talk on the sidewalk and after waiting and undetermined amount of time, shut off the warning lights and checked all the mirrors (including the crossover

mirror). The driver then moved the bus forward not knowing that the incident took place until looking in the rearview mirror. The child had been struck by the front of the bus. (5-year-old female)

- Oncoming vehicle was unable to stop for a child that was being unloaded from a school bus. (5-9 year-old female)
- Child was struck by a dump truck loaded with 25 tons of lime as child departed the bus.
- Child was struck by an out of control pickup truck while waiting in front of house for the bus to arrive.
- Child darted between school buses parked in the school drive into the path of an approaching school bus.
- Child was struck by an approaching auto while waiting in front of her house for the bus to arrive.
- A student departed the bus. The student dropped a book – the bus driver did not see the student and started the bus in motion. The student was struck by the front of the bus. (15-year-old female)
- The student exited the bus, darted across the front of the bus and was struck by a passing school bus. (10-year-old male)
- One bus was stopped for another (oncoming) school bus discharging passengers. When the stop arm of the bus discharging passengers was pulled in the driver of the other bus started forward. The driver then felt a bump and stopped the bus. The bus had hit a student who had exited one bus and then crossed in front of both busses. (10-year-old male)
- A child was struck by the right rear wheel of a school bus. (7-year-old male)
  
- Twenty-three students were discharged at a 5-way intersection. The driver who was facing a stop sign, was distracted by traffic approaching from the left. The student, near the front of the bus, was waiting for an older sister to disembark. The sister, who was already on the other side of the street, called to the student at the same moment the driver closed the door, started forward and turned right. The student was knocked down by the front of the bus and run over by the right rear dual wheels. (6-year-old female)
- School bus was eastbound, stopped and let off 4 students. The bus continued east about 10 feet and turned onto a north-south road. The bus ran over a pedestrian at the intersection of the two roads. (5-year-old female)
- In both accidents the students got off the bus and walked around in front. The school bus driver did not see the children in front of the bus and ran over them. (5-year-old male/6-year-old female)
- The student was at the bus stop and was hit by a passing automobile. The school bus was not at the stop at the time of the accident (13-year-old male)

**1985 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 45**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 24**

- An elementary student was struck and killed by a school bus on a foggy morning. The child was late and was hit as she attempted to cross in front of the moving bus.
- An eight-year-old male student departed a bus, walked on the shoulder of the road behind the bus and crossed between stopped cars. As the bus started in motion, an oncoming vehicle struck and killed the student.
- A six-year-old female student departed the bus and crossed the roadway. She came back across the road to pick up papers and was not seen by the driver. The rear wheels on the bus ran over the child.
- A six-year-old male student departed the bus and crossed the roadway. He came back across the road and was struck by the bus.

- The bus stopped and discharged a 7-year-old student in a downtown area. The child crossed in front of the school bus which was operating the flashing lights. Another vehicle disregarded the lights and passed the school bus from the rear, striking the child.
- Four students exited the school bus and started to cross the highway. The bus driver thought all the students had cleared the road and proceeded to move forward, striking a six-year-old female student with both front and rear wheels.
- The school bus was stopped to unload two students. Immediately after the students had exited the bus, a milk truck struck the bus in the rear, pushing it 150' down the highway. The milk truck then skidded over an 8-year-old female
- The ten-year-old male student was crossing the street to board the bus. Two other students had already crossed and were boarding/being seated. While the driver was watching the other students, the 10-year-old student dropped his books in front of the bus. The school bus driver did not see the student and started forward striking the student and the fatality resulted.
- The school bus was stopped with flashers operating a 6-year-old student proceeded across the street to catch the bus. A passing car did not stop and struck the student.
- A 5-year-old student crossed in front of the bus but paused to check for traffic. Someone called out his name and he turned his back to the bus to see who was calling him. The bus began to pull out and knocked the student down, running him over.
- The school bus was headed east approaching the bus stop to be made on the travelled portion of the highway. The student had to cross both lanes from the north where he was standing with his mother. The student darted out onto the highway without looking into the path of a pickup truck that was headed west. The pickup braked and swerved but struck the student with the left front of the vehicle. The school bus was not at the stop yet and, as per state statute, was not operating flashers.
- A 7-year-old girl, instead of crossing in front of the bus, walked down the right side towards the rear of the bus. The bus went on to the next stop, turned around, and upon return the bus driver saw the girl lying face down in the road. An investigation indicated tire tread design mark left on her pants matched the left front tire tread of the bus.
- A kindergarten child was killed in the unloading area at the school. The school bus made a right turn after unloading; child was pushed or fell under rear wheels.
- An 8-year-old boy was killed after being discharged from a school bus at an unauthorized stop. While crossing the street without being properly escorted by the driver, or use of the flashing red light, he was hit by a passing vehicle.
- The school bus was stopped and unloading at the school on its morning run. The child got off the bus and began to cross the school driveway in front of the bus. When he cleared the bus and dropped some books, stopped to retrieve them, and was struck by another bus leaving the school grounds.
- A kindergarten child was hit by a pickup truck after unloading. Child got off bus and ran on to the state highway.
- A student was late for the bus. The bus had pulled away from the stop and was proceeding on its run. The student chased the bus, unbeknownst to the driver. The driver stopped at a sign prior to making a right-hand turn, as the bus began to turn right, the student caught up with the bus and apparently slid in front of the right rear duals.
- A six-year-old girl was hit by a motorcycle while crossing the road to catch the stopped school bus.
- A bus stopped at an intersection to discharge four. The bus then turned left and struck a seven-year-old boy with the right rear duals, dragging him for 139 feet.

**1986 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 42**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 22**

- The school bus stopped to discharge a nine-year-old male at the bus stop. The student exited the bus and had reached a place of safety. The driver proceeded with the next stop. At that time the students and driver felt a large bump. The rear left side wheels on the bus rolled over the child.
- The bus stopped with red flashing lights on to discharge students. A 67-year-old woman passed the bus on the right. An 11-year-old girl was the first of three to get off the bus. She stepped out in front of the passing car and was struck. The bus driver grabbed the other two students, stopping them from getting out of the bus.
- The bus driver believed that all students had crossed in front of the bus and safely reached the resident side of the street. There are conflicting reports on what the pupil did in the few seconds between getting off the bus and being on the path of the bus.
- The bus driver began to make a left turn after dropping students off. As she started to make the turn she heard a thump and immediately stopped the bus and saw a child lying in the road.
- The bus stopped in the roadway to unload passengers then proceeded to pull off the shoulder. A six-year-old child evidently went in front of the bus just before it pulled to the shoulder and was run over with the left front tire and left rear dual wheels. Dead at the scene.
- A five-year-old boy departed the bus with his 8-year-old brother and several other students. The driver checked the rear-view mirror, started forward and heard a bump. Looked in rear-view mirror and saw the boy lying in the street. The accident happened at 3:30 p.m. and he died at 7:47 p.m. while undergoing surgery for internal injuries and a fractured pelvis.
- The bus was stopped picking up passengers, as the bus was pulling off, a student ran in front of the bus. It was dark and foggy.
- A student departed the bus and walked on the shoulder of the road behind the school bus and crossed between cars stopped for the bus. The bus started in motion and an oncoming vehicle struck the student.
- A student departed the bus and crossed the roadway. He came back across the road to pick up papers. The bus driver did not see the student, he started the bus in motion and the rear wheels ran over the student.
- A student departed the bus and crossed the roadway. He came back across the road and was struck by the bus.
- A 5-year-old girl departed the bus with other children. The bus driver thought she had cleared the front of the bus and crossed the road. She was struck and killed by the school bus.
- A 5-year-old boy was struck by the bus after dropping his books in front of the bus. The driver did not see the child, put the bus in motion and ran over him.
- A 9-year-old girl was struck by the left rear dual wheels while chasing the bus. It was raining and she apparently slipped and fell under the bus. The bus ran over her head.
- The school bus dropped off children at an intersection, as the driver make a left turn, the left rear tire rolled over one of the children.
- After dropping off passengers, the driver pulled the bus ahead, running over one of the children who had stepped out in front of the bus.
- A student was struck by a truck which failed to stop for the stopped school bus. The driver was using the bus safety devices. The student had to cross the highway after leaving the bus.
- The bus had made a stop for students. An 8-year-old girl and brother were late. The children came from slightly behind the bus as it began to pull away and the child fell under the front wheel of the bus. The front wheel pinned the child's head against the ground.

- A child was struck and killed, prior to the bus arriving, in the general area of the bus stop. The child did not have to cross the roadway, but had done so to play prior to the arrival of the bus.
- A 14-year-old male student missed his regular bus stop and was crossing the road to catch the bus at another stop, when he was struck by an automobile and killed.
- An 8-year-old boy went across the road to talk to neighbors before the bus arrived. When the bus came in sight, the boy ran across the road and was hit by a pick-up truck.

**1987 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 32**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 17**

- A 7-year-old girl was late for school. Girl ran from home to rear of bus. Driver was starting to move and the bus rolled back and killed the child.
- A 5-year-old child was struck in her driveway after getting off the school bus. Truck ran off road and hit the child in her driveway.
- School bus stopped to unload several school children. As one of the students crossed the road in front of the bus, he was struck by a car traveling at an estimated speed of 55 mph. The child was struck and knocked into the air. The vehicle skidded approximately 31 feet before striking the child a second time. After striking the victim a second time, the vehicle skidded sideways an additional 69 feet.
- A 13-year-old girl was killed when she slipped and fell under the wheels of a school bus that had just dropped her off.
- A 12-year-old girl was killed after she got off the bus by a vehicle passing.
- A 5-year-old girl was getting off school bus, she apparently fell and slipped under the right side of the school bus. Driver was unaware of the accident, left the scene and was later located.
- An 8-year-old crossed the road, (this student was handicapped and used a walker). For some reason the child turned and ran back in front of the bus. The driver was looking away, put the bus in gear and ran over the child.
- A 6-year-old girl coming home from school was killed after being struck by her school bus and dragged a half-mile as she held onto the bumper. Driver was unaware of the accident.
- A fifteen-year-old girl was fatally injured as a tractor trailer rear-ended the school bus she was riding in. The victim was riding in the rear of the school bus.
- A six-year-old girl died after being run over by her school bus at the discharge point. Reports indicate the child may have returned to the area in front of the school bus.
- A six-year-old boy was fatally injured as the bus he just exited backed over him. The child had walked to the rear of the bus after being discharged.
- A seven-year-old boy was run over by his own bus shortly after being discharged from the bus. The boy was a non-crosser, but somehow got too close to the right rear wheels after discharged and was run over.
- A five-year-old boy was run over by his own bus shortly after being discharged from the bus. The boy crossed in front of the bus after discharged and thought to have dropped an object or objects and was run over while retrieving the dropped objects.
- A seven-year-old girl was killed when she was discharged from the school bus. Driver had checked mirrors and didn't see any students, when he started to make a turn, he felt a slight bump.

- An eleven-year-old child was killed after being struck by a car while she attempted to cross the road walking towards her house.
- A four-year-old kindergarten student exited school bus, she lost her sneaker as she was crossing in front of the bus and was retrieving her sneaker when she was struck by the rear tire of the bus.
- A mini school bus was hit head-on by a large truck which had just turned on its side after an initial collision with an automobile that pulled out to pass another truck. A right front seated seven-year-old male student, lap belted, died instantly of a broken neck. A seventeen-year-old male also in the right front seat was thrown up and forward by the impact, hitting his head on the roof header panel that was pushed in by the head-on collision, and then slumped into the stairwell. The victim died three weeks later of head injuries.
- The school bus was being driven around a bend in the road when an oncoming roofing truck's unsecured load shifted, piercing through a left rear window of the bus, striking a seated seventeen-year-old male, fatally injuring him.
- A five-year-old girl got off the school bus at the bus stop, along with several other students. The children had all crossed except one which was not visible to the driver. The driver was stopped about five minutes, turned to talk to a student. The driver did not see that one student outside had dropped some papers in front of the school bus. She was run over by the bus as she leaned over to pick up her things, and as the bus pulled away.
- A 6-year-old boy got off the school bus at the regular bus stop. The student was a special education student regularly met by a parent; however, the parent was not at the bus stop that day. As the student got off the bus, the driver activated the yellow lights to assist the child in crossing the street, the boy ran into the street into the path of a vehicle passing the bus and was hit.

**1988 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 16**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 14**

- An 11-year-old was killed while trying to cross the ditch and shoulder of the road and a car came from behind and struck the child on the right side of the bus. The driver of the vehicle had no license, no insurance and no vehicle license tag.
- A 5-year-old was run over and killed by his own school bus.
- The child was crossing in front of the bus and a car passed the stop arm, killing the child.
- A 10-year-old child was crossing the road when the bus driver noticed a vehicle approaching, the driver then activated the buses horn in an attempt to warn the students. The second child stopped at the front of the bus, the first child was in the center of the west bound lane and was struck by the approaching vehicle.
- A 9-year-old was crossing the road after getting off the road and was struck by oncoming vehicle
- A 10-year-old child was killed when he fell backward and the bus ran over the child.
- A 9-year-old was killed while crossing the road, the bus driver activated the lights, but the other oncoming vehicle did not stop.
- The bus was arriving at the curb, several children were rushing toward the bus and a 6-year-old fell under the front wheel and was run over by the right wheel.
- The student got off bus, crossed the road, he came back across the road and slipped on some gravel and the 6-year-old was killed by the left rear wheel of the bus.
- A 5-year-old was killed after being left off the bus. The bus driver did not see the child and ran over the child.

**1989 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 17**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 16**



- A 6-year-old boy was discharged from his bus. The driver assumed he had already crossed the street, when the driver pulled away, he felt something with his rear wheels.
- A 6-year-old boy was getting off his bus. The driver thought the boy was clear of the vehicle, so he proceeded on not knowing that he had run over the boy. The driver learned that he had run over the boy after hearing the father screaming that he had run over his son.
- A 6-year-old girl was dropped off at her designated bus stop. She walked in front of the bus and was hit. The driver proceeded to make another stop not knowing that he had run over the girl.
- A 7-year-old girl was struck by the right front bumper of the school bus after being discharged from the bus. The pupil bent down in front of the bus to pick up some papers she had dropped and was knocked down by the front bumper. The bus ran over her by the left front wheels.
- A 7-year-old boy exited the school bus at his normal stop. A witness said after getting off the bus, the boy went to the front of the bus to obtain some items that he had dropped and was run over by the bus.
- A 9-year-old boy was trying to retrieve an object he had dropped. As the bus pulled away he apparently fell under the bus and was run over by the rear wheels on the side of the bus.
- A 14-year-old girl was running after her bus which was leaving from the elementary school to go to the middle school. The student grabbed the side door hand rail and slipped and fell under the rear right wheel.

**1990 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 18**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 16**

- A 6-year-old male was discharged from his bus. The driver did not see the child and was struck by the front of the bus.
- A 6-year-old male was struck by an automobile after being discharged from the bus. The driver of the automobile failed to stop for the school bus stop arm and flashing red lights.
- A 6-year-old male was running to catch the bus. The child was struck by the left front bumper while passing in front of the bus. Driver was unaware that the child had been struck.
- A 6-year-old female was struck by the front of the bus. Driver did not see the child start to cross the street.
- An 8-year-old female departed bus and crossed road in front of bus. For unknown reasons the child came back toward the bus and was hit by the rear wheel of the bus.
- A 9-year-old male was discharged from the bus. A truck driver did not obey the stop arm and ran over the student.
- A 9-year-old male was being discharged from his bus. A motor home passed another motor home which was stopped behind the school bus. The other motor home struck the student.
- A 9-year-old male was crossing in front of the bus. The student discovered he had dropped an action figure toy in front of the bus. He went back to get it and the bus driver ran over the student.
- A 9-year-old male was being discharged from the bus. The driver was distracted by other children on the bus, saw that one of the students already crossed the road and started forward. The student was hit by the front of the bus.

**1991 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 20**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 17**

- An 11-year-old male was crossing the road to wait for the bus and was hit by an oncoming vehicle.

- An 8-year-old female was exiting the school bus when her jacket tassel caught the hand rail by the exit door. Driver did not see female on side of the bus. The bus moved forward and tassel broke with the female falling in front of the right rear wheel, rolling over the student's head.
- A 5-year-old male fell in the path of the right rear tires of the bus as the driver was pulling away from parking lot on school ground.
- A 6-year-old female exited the school bus crossed in front of the bus and driver ran over female with the front wheels and the right.
- A 12-year-old male was waiting at the bus stop and other students were throwing some stones at him. In order to avoid being hit by the stones, he ran out into the path of an oncoming vehicle.
- A 9-year-old male was crossing the road when the vehicle swerved to avoid hitting a Kansas Power and Light truck in front of her. The male was in the path of the vehicle and the driver could not avoid hitting him.
- A 7-year-old boy was being unloaded from the school bus when the student crossed in front of the bus, out of the view of the bus driver, who ran over him with the front of the bus.
- A 5-year-old female exited the school bus and paused on the side of the road. As the driver started moving, the child attempted to cross the roadway in front of the bus and was struck and killed by the bus.
- A 9-year-old male was sitting for the bus when he rushed out in front of a passing car. The child did not have to cross the street.
- A 5-year-old-female exited the bus and as the bus started to pull away, the child started to run in a southerly direction across the street toward her home. At this time, the right front of the bus struck the child and ran over her with the right rear tires.

**1992 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 22**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 17**

- A 6-year-old male was exiting the bus, when a vehicle in the left lane passed the bus and veered off the road into the grass right-of-way striking the pedestrian in a private drive.
- A 5-year-old female had exited and was going in front of the bus when an approaching vehicle did not stop for the bus and struck the pedestrian.
- A 5-year-old female was exiting the bus when an intoxicated driver approaching the bus didn't stop and struck the pedestrian.
- A 9-year-old male was waiting at the loading area for the bus when a truck struck the student and killed him.
- A 6-year-old was going to the bus stop, darted out from behind a blind spot, and was struck by a vehicle.
- A 7-year-old female was exiting the bus, the driver checked the mirrors and didn't see any students, then proceeded and ran over her with the front of the bus.
- An 8-year-old male exited the bus, the driver said he watched him cross in front of the bus then proceeded to pull out in the intersection and struck the student with the front of the bus.
- A child was struck by the front of the school bus as she entered the intersection from between to parked cars.
- A 5-year-old male was crossing in front of the bus, but the driver did not see the student and struck him with the left rear tire.
- A 5-year-old male had apparently crossed in front of the bus, and then the bus travelled approximately 100 feet before students on the bus alerted the driver that the student was laying in the road.

- A 6-year-old female was exiting the bus when a paper blew out of her hand and the student went to retrieve the paper. The driver started to pull forward, striking the student with both the right front tire and right rear dual tires.
- A 7-year-old female was exiting the bus, started to cross in front and dropped a box of crayons. The student stooped down to pick up the crayons when the driver pulled forward and struck her with the front of the bus, running over her with both right front and rear dual tires.
- A 5-year-old male was running alongside of the bus, lost his footing and fell, then was run over by the bus.
- An elementary student, who was playing around the loading area, jumped on the back bumper of the bus. The driver was unaware of the student, the bus began to pick up speed and the student fell, striking his head on the pavement.

**1993 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 32**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 17**

- A 6-year-old male was exiting the bus and was run over by the front wheels of the bus.
- A 5-year-old male ran between a pickup and a car then ran into the side of the school bus. The child was knocked down and run over by the rear wheels of the bus.
- A 5-year-old female stepped off the bus was struck and killed at the front of the bus she had just departed.
- A 5-year-old female departed the bus was struck and killed at the front of the bus. The driver said he didn't see her.
- A 5-year-old female was crossing in front of the bus, knocked down, and run over with the two right wheels.
- A 12-year-old female caught her book strap on the rail inside the bus and was dragged under the wheels of the school bus.
- An 8-year-old female had disembarked from the school bus. She had dropped her bracelet and attempted to retrieve it. The bus began to pull away from the stop. The driver apparently did not stop after striking the child.
- A 6-year-old male walked in front of the bus. The bus started forward and ran over him.
- A 7-year-old male was waiting for his bus, playing with sleds. As one bus driver pulled away, the boy slid down the drift, into the path of the bus. The boy had been waiting for the next bus to pick him up.
- A 5-year-old male was struck and killed after sliding under the wheels of the school bus from the top of a snow bank.
- A 12-year-old female stepped off the bus. She had dropped something and while picking it up, was struck by the front of the bus. The driver did not see her and began to proceed on the route.
- An 8-year-old male dropped a piece of paper and tried to retrieve it from under the left wheel of the bus. The driver did not see the boy and started to pull forward, running over him.
- A 9-year-old male crossed in front of the bus and dropped something under the left rear wheels of the bus. The bus drifted forward, running over the child.

**1994 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 20**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 12**

- A 13-year-old female was exiting the school bus; the bottom drawstring of the student's jacket caught in the "v" of the handrail. The driver did not see the student and ran over her with the rear wheels of the school bus.

- A 6-year-old female departed the bus and was struck and killed by the rear of the school bus. The driver did not see the child.
- A 7-year-old female departed the bus. She and her mother were walking alongside of the bus. Both pedestrians slipped and fell under the rear wheels, killing them. The driver did not see them.
- A 13-year-old female started to cross the street to board the school bus and ran into the side of a passing vehicle. The vehicle could not get stopped in time.
- A 5-year-old male was struck by a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction of the school bus as he crossed the highway.
- A 7-year-old female was exiting the school bus when her jacket caught in the door of the school bus. She was pulled under the wheel of the bus.
- An 11-year-old male, late for the bus, ran up to the left side of the bus as it was pulling away from the bus stop. The student continued running around in front of the bus was struck and killed.
- A 6-year-old female exited the bus. The driver counted all students and checked to see that all areas around the bus were clear. The child, for some unknown reason, returned to the bus, slipped down a small embankment in front of the house, and fell under the front of the rear wheels and was killed.
- A 15-year-old male arrived at his bus stop early and sat on the ground near moving traffic to wait for the bus. While he was waiting, a truck came down the side road and made a left turn, running over the student.
- An 8-year old female was exiting the school bus. A cement truck following the bus could not stop, he passed on the right should of the bus, striking the student as she got off the bus.
- A 15-year-old female was dropped off near the bus stop by her parent. The student was struck by a car when she crossed the road to wait for the bus.
- An 8-year-old male was struck and killed as he exited the school bus by a vehicle passing on the wrong side of the bus.
- An 8-year-old female exited the school bus. She stopped to pick up some things she had dropped and the bus ran over her.

**1995 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 25**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 17**

- A 5-year-old boy exited the school bus. He stopped to pick up some things he dropped; the bus ran over him.
- A 5-year-old girl exited the school bus, she crossed in front of the bus, the driver failed to see the child and ran over her with the front of the bus.
- A 5-year-old boy exited his bus and crossed in front of the bus with several other children. He stopped at the left front corner of the bus. The driver checked his mirrors and, not seeing anyone, pulled away. The student was run over by the left front and rear wheels.
- A 5-year-old boy exited the bus and was crossing in front of the bus. An eyewitness said the student was knocked down by the front bumper and apparently rolled under the left rear dual wheels. The driver was distracted by noise on the bus and apparently didn't see the student.
- A 6-year-old boy exited the bus. The student was run over and killed by his own school bus.
- A 6-year-old girl was struck by a passing vehicle on a two-lane rural highway. The girl was walking to her bus stop.

- A 6-year-old boy exited the school bus with two other students. The driver thought all three had crossed in front of the bus. The bus pulled forward, striking the last child to exit the bus.
- A 7-year-old girl exited a school bus. A following truck loaded with steel could not stop and passed on the right shoulder. The truck struck and killed the girl as she exited the bus.
- A 7-year-old boy walked on the sidewalk when he dropped a video tape, which bounced in front of another bus. Not seeing the boy as he picked up his video, the driver pulled away and struck and killed the boy.
- A 7-year-old girl exited a bus with three other children. While her companions stepped onto the curb, she went around to the front of the bus, and for some reason we don't know yet, neither the driver nor his aide saw her
- An 8-year-old boy crossed the street in front of the school bus. The bus driver signaled him to begin crossing. As he proceeded across the street, the bus driver saw a car rapidly approaching from behind. The bus driver sounded his horn, but the car struck the student, knocking him down and ran over him in a hit-and-run accident.
- An 8-year-old boy walked to the bus stop. As the bus approached, he slipped and fell onto the roadway. The front tire ran over his head and neck.
- As an 8-year-old boy crossed the street to get on his bus, he was hit by a vehicle that failed to stop for the bus.
- A 9-year-old girl exited a bus with its full light system activated. She walked in front of the stopped school bus, looked, and proceeded from the north lane into the south lane. As she stepped into the south lane, a speeding pickup failed to stop for the school bus, striking and killing the girl.
- A 9-year-old boy was hit and killed by a truck as he crossed the road to board his bus.
- A 9-year-old-girl was killed while crossing a two-lane rural highway on her way to the bus stop. The school bus was about two miles away from the bus stop when the child was hit by a truck.
- A 10-year-old girl exited the school bus. She was crossing the street and did not yield to oncoming traffic. She was struck and killed by a passing vehicle
- A 12-year-old boy exited the school bus. The student returned to the bus in an attempt to touch the bus, when the rear wheels caught the child, dragging him under the wheels.
- As a 13-year-old girl was waiting for her bus with another child, she stepped onto the highway and was struck and killed by a vehicle.
- A 13-year-old boy exited his school bus and attempted to cross the road in front of his school bus. He was hit and killed by a passing vehicle.
- A 14-year-old boy was killed attempting to cross a two-lane rural highway on his way to the bus stop. The bus was approaching the stop when the student dashed into the path of a truck.
- A 14-year-old girl was standing at an intersection and attempted to cross the street to her bus stop. Although the bus was approaching the loading zone, the girl walked into the path of an oncoming vehicle, which struck and killed her.
- A 14-year-old girl was exiting the school bus. Her coat drawstring caught in the handrail which had not been repaired. The bus driver closed the door as she stepped off the bus, dragging her. As he turned onto a residential street
- A 15-year-old boy exited the school bus and was struck and killed by a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction as he crossed the street.

- A 15-year-old boy was running to catch the school bus when the driver made a right turn and one of the passengers yelled that he had hit someone. The student had slipped on the snow and slid under the right rear wheels.

**1996 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 19**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 17**

- A 5-year-old girl was retrieving a purse and papers she dropped under the bus. She was crawling out head first when the bus started moving.
- A 5-year-old girl was crossing in front of the school bus. The driver pulled away from the bus stop and ran over her.
- A 5-year-old boy was crossing the street in front of his bus when he was struck and killed by his bus. The substitute driver had not adjusted her mirrors.
- A 6-year-old girl was crossing the road to board her bus when she was struck and killed by a passing vehicle.
- A 6-year-old boy exited the bus, the driver thought all the children had crossed the road. The boy was run over by the front of the bus.
- A 6-year-old boy ran onto the highway and was struck by a pickup truck and killed. The bus had not arrived yet.
- A 7-year old boy dropped a video tape. As he attempted to pick it up, the bus ran over him with the front wheels of the bus.
- A 7-year-old girl was exiting the bus when part of her clothing caught in the handrail after the door had closed. As the bus driver pulled away, she either slipped or fell down as she apparently tried to free herself from the door, rolled under the bus and was killed.
- An 8-year-old girl was killed when her clothing got caught in the school bus door. The driver moved the bus several feet before realizing the girl was being dragged alongside the bus.
- A 9-year-old girl exited the school bus and walked in front of the bus. The driver failed to see the girl and ran over her. The driver was unaware of what happened. Another student found the girl laying in the street.
- A 9-year-old girl was run over by a transit bus she had just exited
- A 9-year-old boy was struck and killed by a pickup truck as he attempted to cross the highway to his bus stop.
- A 10-year-old boy exited a transit bus, when he darted behind the bus into the path of a utility truck. The transit bus had stopped in the lane opposite the residence and had activated its headlights and four-way flashers.
- An 11-year-old boy and his brother were waiting at the bus stop when three Rottweiler dogs chased them up a tree. The bus was approaching and the driver started honking hoping she could scare the dogs away. The boy thought she was honking at them. The 11-year-old boy climbed down and started toward the bus when the dogs attacked and killed him.
- An 11-year-old boy was getting off the bus when his backpack was pinched between the door and the door frame of the school bus. As the bus started moving, the boy tried to keep up with the bus. The driver did not notice the backpack in the door. When he was made aware of the problem, it was too late. The backpack came loose and apparently the right rear duals ran over the child.
- An 11-year-old boy was waiting in his yard for his school bus, when a van went out of control and struck and killed him.
- An ambulatory 14-year-old student with special needs walked out in front of an oncoming car as she was crossing the street to get to her bus stop. The bus was approaching to the stop. There was an aide on the school bus to assist her to get on, but the aide was not off the bus.
- A 14-year-old boy was getting off the bus and crossing the highway when a pickup truck struck and killed him. He was let out on a side road and had to cross a main highway.

- A 16-year-old boy got off the bus and was walking in front of the bus when he fell down and was run over by his bus.

**1997 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 10**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 7**

- A 5-year-old boy was killed while chasing after his school bus. The driver stated she felt a bump in the road where she had run over him.
- A 5-year-old girl was struck and killed by a tractor trailer as she waited at the bus stop.
- A 6-year-old girl exited the school bus. She stopped to pick up some things she dropped. The bus ran over her.
- A 6-year-old boy exited the school bus, ran in front of the bus and was struck and killed by his own school bus.
- A 6-year-old girl exited the school bus. It is possible that she stopped in front of the bus to pick up something she had dropped. The school bus driver did not see the girl and ran over her.
- A 6-year-old boy was struck and killed by a passing motorist while attempting to cross the roadway after leaving his school bus.
- A 7-year-old girl was killed by a passing motorist as she attempted to cross the street behind the bus.
- An 8-year-old boy was struck and killed while attempting to cross the roadway in front of the school bus. The driver of the truck approaching the school bus from the rear failed to stop for the stop arm of the school bus.
- A 10-year-old boy was killed while waiting at the bus loading zone at school. The special-needs bus suddenly backed up over the curb trapping the boy under the bus.
- A 13-year-old boy was killed by a passing motorist. The substitute school bus driver missed the student's bus stop, pulled off the road and onto the shoulder of the roadway. The driver allowed the student to exit the bus without the benefit of the flashing red lights. The student crossed the road in front of the school bus and was struck and killed.

**1998 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 18**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 14**

- A 5-year-old girl exited the school bus. She slipped on the snow and fell underneath the school bus. The driver slowed down but drove on.
- A 5-year old boy was running to catch the bus. He ran in front of the bus and was struck and killed.
- A 6-year-old girl through her bus was coming and was trying to cross the street. She walked in front of the bus and was struck and killed by the bus. The driver thought she ran over a chunk of snow and ice.
- A 6-year-old girl exited the school bus and was struck and killed by the front of the bus.
- A 6-year-old boy was struck and killed by a passing motorist while attempting to cross the roadway to catch his bus. The driver of the approaching vehicle was apparently blinded by the sun and failed to stop for the flashing lights and stop arm of the bus.
- A 6-year-old girl exited the school bus and was struck and killed by a passing motorist. The motorist was blinded by the sun.
- A 6-year-old boy exited the bus and crossed the street. When he came back across to pick up some papers that were dropped, he was struck and killed by his bus.
- A 6-year-old girl exited the bus and crossed the street. When she came back across to pick up some papers that were dropped, she was struck and killed by her bus.



- A 6-year-old boy was struck and killed by an oncoming car when he went out into the street. The boy was waiting at the bus stop.
- A 7-year-old boy was struck and killed by a passing motorist while attempting to cross the roadway to catch his bus. The driver of the car which was approaching the school bus from the rear failed to stop for the flashing light and stop arm.
- A 7-year-old boy exited the school bus and was struck and killed by the rear dual wheels
- A 7-year-old boy exited the bus and was observed to be safely across the street. For an unknown reason, the boy ran back across the street into the path of the bus as it pulled away.
- A 7-year-old boy was trying to cross the street to catch his bus when he was struck and killed by a passing motorist.
- A 10-year-old girl crawled underneath her bus to retrieve some papers when she was run over by the passing motorist.
- A 10-year-old girl exited the bus, crossed in front of the bus, and was struck and killed by a vehicle that came around the bus from the rear. The driver of the approaching vehicle failed to stop for the stop arm of the bus.
- A 13-year-old girl was struck and killed by a passing motorist while attempting to cross the roadway to catch her bus. The driver of the approaching vehicle failed to stop for the stop arm of the bus.
- A 14-year-old boy was struck and killed by a pickup while attempting to cross the highway to catch his bus.
- A 15-year-old boy was struck and killed by an oncoming car when he went out into the street. The boy was waiting at the bus stop.

**1999 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 22**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 13**

- A 6-year-old boy exited the school bus and was struck and killed by the front of the bus. The driver did not see the student.
- A 6-year-old girl exited the bus, crossed in front of the bus, and was struck and killed by a passing motorist. The driver of the approaching vehicle said she did not recall observing any signals that would indicate that the bus was unloading passengers.
- A 5-year old boy exited the bus, as he crossed in front of the bus. He apparently came back to pick up some papers that he had dropped and was struck and killed. The bus driver said he checked everything but then felt a bump from the rear wheels.
- A 6-year-old girl exited the bus and was struck and killed by a vehicle that was passing on the right shoulder of the road.
- A 9-year-old boy exited the bus, crossed in front of the bus and was struck and killed by a passing motorist who failed to stop for a group of children exiting the bus.
- A 5-year-old girl was struck and killed by a passing motorist while attempting to cross the road to catch her bus.
- A 10-year-old boy was struck and killed by a vehicle while crossing the road to wait for the school bus.
- A 6-year-old girl exited the bus and was struck and killed by the front of the bus which was directly stopped in front of the girl's home.
- A 5-year-old girl exited the bus, walked around to the front of the bus to cross the street, when the driver pulled forward and struck and killed the girl by the front of the bus.
- A 10-year-old girl was exiting the bus to go to school when her clothing got caught in the school bus door, she was dragged about 10 feet.

- A 7-year-old girl was struck and killed by the front of her bus outside her elementary school. They are not sure what happened but they think she was running alongside of the bus when she fell under the right front wheels of the bus.
- A 13-year-old girl was struck and killed by a fast-moving vehicle which whipped around two other vehicles, striking and killing her as she crossed the road to board her bus. This was a hit and run accident.
- A 9-year-old boy was waiting at the bus stop when, for some unknown reason, he was struck and killed by the right rear wheels of the school bus. They are not sure whether he was running for the bus or whether he slipped on some wet grass and fell under the right rear wheels.
- A 6-year-old girl exited the bus walked in front of the bus and was struck and killed.
- A 5-year-old boy was running to catch his bus. He ran in front of the bus and was struck and killed.
- A 9-year-old girl exited the bus when she was struck and killed by a passing motorist. The driver had activated the red flashing lights.
- An 11-year-old boy exited the bus, ran to the back of the bus and slapped a passenger's hand. The student then attempted to cross the roadway behind the school bus, possibly to a mailbox and was struck and killed by a passing motorist.
- A 5-year-old girl exited the bus and walked away from the danger zone. The girl apparently fell while climbing over the newly plowed snow. She fell under the right rear wheels where she was struck and killed.
- A 9-year-old boy and his sister were waiting for their bus. A motorist attempted to stop but apparently there was some mechanical brake failure with the vehicle. The driver swerved left and drove in front of the bus where the boy was waiting. The motorist struck and killed the boy.
- A 14-year-old girl and her brother were waiting for their bus. A motorist attempted to stop but apparently there was some mechanical brake failure with the vehicle. The driver swerved left and drove in front of the bus where the girl was waiting. The motorist struck and killed the girl.
- A 6-year-old boy exited the bus and was struck and killed by a passing vehicle. This accident was a hit and run.
- A 5-year-old girl exited the bus, waited a few minutes before walking in front of her bus. The driver pulled ahead hitting the girl who was crossing in front of the bus causing her to lose balance. She regained her balance and tried to hurry across the road again and was struck and killed by the front of her bus.

**2000 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 9**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 7**

- A 5-year old girl exited the bus. The driver checked, thought the area was clear, and began to leave for the next stop. The girl was run over by the rear wheels of the bus and killed.
- A 5-year-old girl was struck and killed by a passing motorist while attempting to cross the road to meet her bus.
- A 6-year-old boy exited the bus, crossed in front of the bus and then came back because he had lost his shoe. The driver pulled away and ran over the boy. The driver stated that the bus was noisy and he lost his concentration but felt a bump.
- A 6-year-old boy was struck and killed by his bus. The boy had crossed the street and reached the other side, then came back toward the bus. The driver had begun to pull away after children had crossed the street and was checking traffic, and did not see the child at the rear of the bus.
- A 6-year-old boy exited the bus. The boy fell under the front of the bus and was struck and killed.
- A 9-year-old boy had exited the bus and was crossing the street when he was struck and killed by a passing vehicle.

- A 13-year-old boy exited the bus, crossed in front of the bus and stepped in front of a cement truck, which struck and killed him.
- A 15-year-old boy exited the bus. He walked slowly due to a muscle disorder. The driver did not see the boy as he was crossing in front of the bus, struck, and killed the boy with the right front wheel.
- A 15-year-old girl exited the bus, crossed in front of the bus, and was struck and killed by a passing motorist.

**2001 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 13**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 10**

- A four-year-old female crossed in front of the bus in the afternoon. Unruly students distracted the driver and the buses right front tire struck the girl.
- A five-year-old male, heading to the school bus, was struck and killed by a passing motorist.
- A five-year-old male was struck and killed by a passing vehicle as he ran across the road to board the bus.
- A five-year-old female was struck and killed when a vehicle did not stop for the school bus loading lights. The vehicle driver was a fourteen-year-old male, with neither a license nor the owners' permission to drive the vehicle.
- A six-year-old female darted across the highway to board the bus. She was struck and killed by a passing motorist who did not see the loading lights.
- A six-year-old female missed the bus. She chased the bus and fell under the dual wheels as the driver pulled away from the next stop.
- A seven-year-old special needs male crossed in front of the bus, then returned to the bus where he was knocked down by the front bumper and killed when struck by the rear duals.
- The right dual wheels killed an eight-year-old female as the driver pulled away from the bus stop.
- A passing motorist killed an eight-year-old male when he ran out in front of the bus. The bus driver had not activated the eight-way flashers
- An 8-year-old female was killed when struck by a motorist passing on the right side of the bus.
- An 8-year-old male dropped his marbles under the bus. He crawled under the bus to retrieve them and was killed by the right rear dual wheels.
- A passing motorist, who was blinded by the sun and did not see the loading lights, killed a nine-year-old male.
- A 9- year old male was at his bus stop when he was struck by a passing motorist.

**2002 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 12**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 10**

- A 4-year-old female exited the bus and was killed by the back dual wheels of the bus.
- A 5-year-old female exited the bus, as she crossed in front of the bus, she turned back to pick up an object she had dropped and was killed by the bus.
- A 6-year-old female who was several feet from her driveway was struck and killed by a motorcyclist shortly after she stepped off her school bus.
- A 6-year-old female was waiting with other children at a road sign waiting for the school bus. The school bus stopped and loaded the children. After loading, the school bus made a right turn onto Jackson Street. Children on the bus stated they saw

the female chasing the school bus trying to get the school bus to stop. The female apparently fell under the rear wheels of the bus, as it was turning right onto Jackson Street.

- A 6-year-old male was crossing the street to catch his school bus and was struck and killed by the rear wheels of the bus.
- A 6-old-female ran into the path of an oncoming school bus apparently thinking it was her bus.
- A seven-year-old female was struck and killed by a passing motorist. The school bus driver said she had activated the flashing yellow lights as she approached the driveway. The driver said she observed vehicle #1 approaching and was motioning with her hand for the children to stay out of the roadway. The bus driver said she had not activated the stop sign when the child started into the roadway.
- A nine-year-old female got out of her mother's car. The student went behind her mother's car and attempted to cross two lanes of traffic when a motorist struck her as she tried to get to the school bus.
- A nine-year-old male was crossing the highway when a northbound motorist hit him.
- A nine-year-old male exited the bus, ran across the highway when a passing motorist struck him.
- A fifteen-year-old male was waiting at school for the school bus to take him to baseball practice. Somehow the boy fell off the sidewalk and fell under the front wheel of the bus.
- A school bus with stoplights activated, was stationary on NC-41 discharging students at a bus stop. A Ford Explorer was traveling north on NC-41 and struck the rear of the school bus. The vehicle then ran off the right shoulder of the roadway striking two students getting off the bus located on the shoulder of NC-41. The vehicle continued to travel on a northerly direction overturning several times and coming to rest in a field on the east side of NC-41. One student was thrown approximately 25 feet and the sixteen-year-old female was trapped under the vehicle and killed.

**2003 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 9**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 8**

- The school bus driver was distracted by the other children on the bus. A 5-year-old girl had just exited the bus and was struck and killed by the right dual wheels.
- A 5-year-old girl turned around and went back to the bus to pick up some papers that she had dropped. She was struck and killed by the right-side wheels of her school bus.
- A 5-year-old girl was struck and killed by a tractor-trailer that had rear-ended the bus while she was boarding the bus.
- A 5-year-old boy had exited the bus when he slipped and fell on the ice in the driveway, causing him to slide under the right rear dual wheels.
- The school bus driver had activated his 8-way light system to load students. A 6-year-old girl was struck and killed by an oncoming vehicle as she was attempting to cross the road to board the bus.
- An 8-year-old girl was struck and killed by a driver driving too fast for the road conditions. The teenage driver had swerved to the right to avoid hitting the back end of the bus and struck the girl as she was exiting the bus.
- 9-year-old girl was struck and killed by a truck and killed by a passing motorist as she attempted to cross the road to her bus stop. The bus driver had not yet reached the pick-up point, and had activated only the yellow warning lights.
- A 12-year-old girl was walking away from the bus when a motorist from behind failed to stop, drove through the yard on the right side of the bus, and struck and killed her.

- A boy (unknown age) was waiting for the bus when a worker in a city-owned vehicle passed by, striking him with his side mirrors. The boy was killed.

**2004 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 20**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 15**

- After the bus driver discharged the students, she released the brake and started moving the bus forward. The driver stopped the bus after she felt a thump. The bus driver never saw the 3-year-old girl on the left side of the bus. The girl was struck and killed by the left front wheel of the bus.
- A 4-year-old boy departed his school bus. As the boy attempted to cross in front of the bus, the driver failed to see him and struck and killed him with the left front wheel of the school bus.
- A 4-year-old boy departed the bus. When the boy ran back in front of the school bus, the driver did not see him and the boy was struck and killed with the left rear wheel of the school bus.
- A 5-year-old boy departed from the bus at his bus stop. The driver stated her mirrors looked clear, but when the bus was placed into motion, she felt a bump. The boy was struck and killed by the right front wheel of the bus.
- A 5-year-old boy was departing the bus. The boy crossed in front of the bus, but the driver lost sight of him. The bus struck and killed the boy with the left front wheel.
- A 5-year-old boy was departing the bus when the driver moved the bus forward. The right front wheel struck and killed the boy.
- A 5-year-old boy departed the bus and started walking on the sidewalk. The sidewalk level was slightly elevated from the street level. The boy slipped on the ice and slid down the slight embankment and slid in front of the right rear wheels of the bus as the bus was beginning to move forward.
- A 5-year old boy departed the bus and crossed the street. The boy was running backwards across the street while talking to his mother. He ran into the side of the bus and slipped underneath the bus. The boy then crawled underneath the bus to get to the right side of the bus, but the driver did not see him and proceeded with his route. The boy was struck and killed by the right rear wheel of the bus.
- A 5-year-old boy was struck and killed by a vehicle who disregarded the school bus red lights.
- A 6-year-old girl had departed the bus. The bus driver did not see her when he placed the bus in motion. The girl was struck and killed by the left front and right front wheels of the bus.
- A 6-year-old boy departed the bus and was not seen by the bus driver. The driver struck and killed the boy by the left front wheel of the bus.
- A six-year old boy departed the bus. The driver lost sight of the boy and struck and killed him by the right rear wheel of the bus.
- A six-year-old boy was crossing the street to board the bus when he was struck and killed by a passing vehicle.
- A 6-year-old boy was discharged from the bus. The boy was standing in front of the bus waiting for some kids to bring his books to him. The driver did not see him; however, and began to pull away. The boy was struck and killed with the right wheel.
- An 8-year-old girl was struck and killed by a passing vehicle after leaving her school bus during the afternoon route home.

- A boy was unloading and crossing the street when a woman ran the red lights of the bus. The driver of the passing vehicle struck and killed the 9-year-old boy
- A girl was discharging the bus when her book bag became entangled in the door. The 11-year-old girl was struck and dragged beneath the right rear wheel of the bus, which killed her.
- A 14-year-old boy was discharging the bus when an approaching vehicle failed to stop for the boy and struck and killed him.
- A 13-year-old girl was departing the bus when a farm trucks brakes failed. The truck traveled along the right side of the bus and struck and killed the girl.
- A school bus was negotiating a turn at an intersection when a 14-year-old boy was struck and killed by the right rear wheel of the school bus. It was reported that the boy was attempting to catch the bus after it had left his bus stop.

**2005 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 13**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 9**

- A 4-year-old boy ran back toward the bus to pick up something that he had dropped and was struck and killed by the right rear dual wheels of the bus.
- A 5-year-old girl was run over by a passing SUV. The girl was reported to have been in the process of loading; however, another report stated that the girl was running after the bus and came out between parked cars and was struck and killed.
- A 5-year-old girl was struck and killed by the rear wheels of the bus as she was departing from the bus in the afternoon. Details about the circumstances of this fatality were not provided in the police report.
- A 6-year-old boy was struck and killed by a truck that passed the school bus as it was unloading students in the afternoon. The bus was pulled onto a parking lane and had its stop arm activated. The truck drug the boy 80 feet after striking him before stopping. The vehicle left the scene of the accident. The school bus driver did not see the incident.
- A 6-year-old boy had crossed in front of the bus, but returned to pick up something that he had dropped. The driver did not see the boy run back toward the bus. The boy slid under the left rear dual wheels of the bus.
- When the bus stopped to discharge an 8-year-old boy, one car stopped behind the bus, but the second car did not stop. The second car passed on the right side of the bus and struck and killed the boy. The car went back onto the roadway and then off the road, finally hitting a light pole.
- An 8-year-old boy was late getting to his bus. As the bus was making a right-hand turn, the boy turned to the left, running toward the bus. He was struck and killed by the left rear dual wheels.
- A 10-year-old girl was late getting to her bus. As she ran up on the right to catch the bus, she was struck and killed by the right rear dual wheels of the bus.
- A 12-year-old boy was struck and killed while departing from the bus. The driver of a passing car was reaching for something in the car and he swerved to the right of the bus and hit the boy.

- A 12-year-old boy was walking along the highway. As he attempted to cross the highway, he was struck and killed by an oncoming vehicle.
- A 13-year-old girl missed boarding the bus in the loading/unloading area at school. When the girl saw the bus leaving, she started chasing the bus. The girl slipped and fell under the right rear dual wheels of the bus.
- A 13-year-old girl departed the bus. As she crossed in front of the bus, she was struck and killed by an oncoming car.
- A 14-year-old boy ran after the bus. The boy slipped under the rear dual wheels of the bus.

**2006 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 7**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 5**

- A 5-year-old female was run over and killed by the left rear wheels of her school bus after she had exited the bus.
- A 6-year-old male unexpectedly ran back towards his school bus after he had been discharged from the bus and was struck and killed beneath the left front wheels of the bus.
- A 9-year-old male arrived at his bus stop early and decided to cross the road to a store on the opposite side. When the student came out of the store, he saw the school bus approaching his stop and was in a hurry to get back to the bus stop. As he ran across the roadway in the direction of his stop, he was struck and killed by a passing vehicle.
- A 12-year-old female crossed the road to board her bus and was killed by the buses' left front wheel.
- A 14-year-old female was crossing the highway after departing the bus. She was struck and killed by an oncoming vehicle. The driver was later charged and convicted of multiple charges, including DWI, failure to stop for the bus, manslaughter, and failure to render aid at the scene.
- A 15-year-old male had missed his bus at the assigned stop location. The student was told to go get to the stop and that the driver would pick him up when she came back up the road. Upon arriving at the stop coming from the opposite direction the bus driver did not see the student waiting for the school bus. The driver pulled the bus off the roadway onto the grass shoulder with no 8-way light system and was struck and killed by a passing vehicle.
- A 16-year-old male and his brother missed their bus at the assigned stop location. The students went to their old bus stop which had been declared unsafe due to sight distance. The bus driver had been instructed by dispatch not to stop and pick up the students at the old location. As the school bus driver was coming up the road the two students were in the roadway attempting to stop the bus. The school bus driver opened the driver's window to tell the students she could not pick them up at the location when an approaching vehicle came over the hill. One student was able to get out of the roadway, but the sixteen-year-old male was struck and killed by an approaching vehicle. The bus did not have the 8-way light system in operation.

**2007 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 5**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 5**

- A 6-year-old male was waiting in his parent's vehicle across the street from the school bus stop. As the school bus slowed to approach the stop with its amber lights flashing, the male exited his mother's vehicle and darted in front of an oncoming vehicle. The student was struck and killed.
- A 10-year-old male was waiting at his bus stop when a car drove up on the sidewalk striking the student from behind. The student was killed.
- A 17-year-old male exited the bus from the scheduled stop and was walking up the driveway to his home. The student was approximately 300 feet away from the bus when a motorist approached from behind the bus. The motorist was traveling at



speeds reported to be as high as 103 mph and lost control of the vehicle, and left the roadway. The vehicle continued into the student's driveway and struck and killed him.

- A 9-year-old male exited the school bus and crossed the street. The bus driver had cleared the student counts and pulled up to make a left turn. As the driver was turning, the student chose to run toward the bus and slipped on the ice and slid under the bus, being run over by the left rear duals.
- A 5-year-old female was exiting her bus after dark at her bus stop. An oncoming vehicle failed to stop for the flashing school bus lights and struck her with the left front bumper. There was no evidence that the driver applied the brakes. The female student died without regaining consciousness.

**2008 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 17**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 11**

- A west bound school bus had come to a stop with the 8-way lights activated. An east-bound armored truck was approaching the stop. The truck driver attempted to stop, but slid to the left, crossing through a turn lane and impacted the front of the bus in the next lane and knocked the school bus off the roadway. A 12-year-old female had left her parents car to board the bus when she was struck and killed by the passing vehicle.
- A 16-year-old male missed the bus at his scheduled stop. The boy ran after the bus and slipped, sliding under the right rear dual wheels of the school bus and was killed.
- A 12-year-old female missed her bus at her scheduled stop. The parent drove the girl to catch the bus at another stop along the route. The girl exited her parent's car and attempted to board the bus, approaching from the right rear of the bus. The bus departed the stop, preparing to turn right. The girl was reaching for the bus entry door and tripped. She fell and was struck and killed by the right rear dual wheels of the bus.
- An 11-year-old male student with special needs exited the bus in the outside lane of the school parking lot. He proceeded toward the school building, walking between rows of parked cars. The boy crossed in front of another bus and was struck and killed by the left front wheel of that bus as it was departing the school loading zone.
- A 2-year-old male was accompanying his 6-year-old sister and his mother to the bus stop when the boy was run over by the school bus. The bus had picked up his sister and the boy were last seen by the school bus driver at the right of the school bus. Somehow the boy ended up in front of the school bus and was struck by the front bumper of the school bus. The fatal injuries occurred when he was run over by the right rear wheels of the bus.
- A 9-year-old male was crossing in front of the bus when he dropped some papers. The driver lost sight of the boy and he was struck and killed by the left front wheel of the bus.
- A 16-year-old male was crossing the street to catch his bus when he was struck and killed by an on-coming sport utility vehicle. The SUV failed to stop for the activated school bus stop arm.
- An 11-year-old male was late for the bus stop. He was running along-side of the bus trying to catch it. The boy was struck and killed by the right rear dual wheels when he slipped and fell under the bus.
- A 12-year-old male was standing near the curb waiting for the approaching bus. The boy was pushed and was struck and killed by the right rear dual wheels as he slipped and fell under the bus.
- An 8-year-old male was crossing in front of the bus when an on-coming vehicle struck and killed the boy.

- A 7-year-old male was crossing the street to catch the bus when he was struck and killed by an oncoming vehicle. Several witnesses said the warning lights were not working on the school bus.
- A 7-year-old girl was waiting for the bus when an oncoming vehicle swerved in a ditch to avoid two other vehicles that had already stopped for the on-coming bus. The vehicle rolled and struck several children waiting at the bus stop. The 7-year-old was pronounced dead at the scene.
- A 4-year-old male was waiting for the bus with several other children when an oncoming vehicle swerved into a ditch to avoid two other vehicles that were already stopped for the oncoming bus. The boy was struck by the on-coming vehicle as it rolled and died in the hospital from his injuries.
- An 11-year-old female was waiting for the bus when she was struck and killed by an oncoming vehicle that failed to stop for the bus she was trying board.
- A 15-year-old female was struck and killed while crossing in front of her bus shortly after she was dropped off near her home. The girl had grabbed onto the front bumper of the bus after she was knocked down, but couldn't hold on. When she let go, she was dragged under the bus and ran over by the rear wheels.
- A 4-year-old male was struck and killed by the left front wheel of a bus moving through the school parking lot after he left the bus he had been riding.
- A 6-year-old male missed the bus and his father took him to another stop to board the school bus. The father dropped the boy off at the stop. The bus driver activated the stop lights to wait for the boy to get on the school bus. The driver waited, but had not seen anyone get out of the first vehicle. As the driver looked to the left, she was momentarily distracted by a white passenger van that failed to stop for the school bus stop lights. As the driver returned attention back to the right rear-view mirror, she still did not see a passenger approaching so she resumed driving. As she checked her mirrors while pulling out, she noticed a small child lying in the roadway in her passenger side mirror. She exited the bus and discovered that she had struck the boy with the right rear dual wheels of the bus and killed him.

**2009 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 13**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 8**

- A 9-year-old girl exited the school bus on the way home from school. As she was walking down the right side of the bus out of view of the driver, the girl lost her balance and fell underneath the right rear wheels of the bus which rolled over her.
- A 12-year-old male walked into the path of a school bus while waiting at his school bus stop. The student was struck by the right front tires of a school bus. (The school bus the student was going to ride to school was the third school bus in line of the approaching vehicles).
- As the 5-year-old male exited the school bus in the afternoon, he was struck and killed by the right front tire of the school bus. The investigation found that the driver failed to count students as they exited the bus.
- A 5-year-old female exited the school bus and was struck and killed by a passing motorist that failed to stop. To avoid hitting a vehicle that had stopped behind the school bus, she swerved to the right and hit the student as she exited the school bus.
- A 14-year-old female missed her school bus stop and was attempting to catch the school bus at another location. The school bus was at an intersection attempting to turn right. This was not a scheduled bus stop, and as the female student attempted to cross in front of the bus to the driver's left side, the driver did not see the student approaching due to darkness. The female was struck and killed by the left front wheels.

- A 7-year-old male and another student were crossing the roadway to board the school bus. The school bus driver had the eight-way lights activated, but the elderly driver stated he did not see school bus or the children in the fog until it was too late to avoid hitting the students. Both students were struck. The seven-year-old died from his injuries.
- A 9-year-old female was waiting at the bus stop when she was struck and killed by right front tire of the school bus. The driver advised he was north bound when he drove off the right shoulder and struck a stop sign with the mirror of his vehicle. He then backed up the bus and turned left onto the intersecting street. As he was continuing his route, the children on the bus advised him that he had struck the nine-year-old student. She was pronounced dead at the scene.
- A 5-year-old male was struck and killed by a passing motorist. No incident details were available from the state.
- A 7-year-old male was struck by the front bumper of the school bus, then was run over and killed by the rear dual wheels.
- A driver of an oncoming vehicle had initially stopped for the school bus, stating she thought the bus was about to turn left. As the motorist realized that the school bus was not going to turn in front of her, she proceeded straight ahead and struck and killed a 6-year-old female as she crossed the street after exiting the school bus. Witnesses stated that all appropriate signals and lights were activated on the school bus.
- A 15-year-old female was crossing the street to her school bus when she was struck and killed by an on-coming vehicle. The school bus was stopped with its red traffic control lights and stop sign activated. The motorist was cited for violating the law requiring all vehicles to stop for the school bus.
- A 15-year-old female was walking to her bus stop and walked into the street in front of a moving school bus. The school bus driver was in the process of turning left and was looking away from the student as she walked into the path of the school bus. The female was struck and killed by the right front wheels of the school bus.
- A 6-year-old male was dropped off by his school bus near his home. Without notice the student ran out in front of the school bus and was struck by the front wheels. He later died from his injuries.

**2010 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 8**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 7**

- A 15-year-old male was waiting at the school bus stop. A motorist was traveling eastbound and crossed into the westbound lane of traffic and struck the young man, killing him.
- An 8-year-old male was traveling south across the westbound lane from a private drive to board the school bus. The front of a pickup truck struck the student. The truck came to rest, facing west in the westbound lane of Mesena Road and the student came to a final rest on the north should of Mesena Road, facing north, he died as the result of the injuries.
- An 8-year-old male was unloading from his aunt's bus at the Cartersville City School transportation facility. Another school bus struck the student with its right rear dual wheels as it passed on the left side of the school bus that he had just exited. The student died from his injuries.
- A 7-year-old female was walking across the road to get on a school bus that was stopped in the northbound lane with its lights flashing and stop sign out. The student was struck by a pickup traveling southbound, when the driver failed to stop for the school bus that was in the process of picking up the girl.
- A 6-year-old male died while attempting to board the school bus. The boy was reportedly caught in the door outside of the bus and dragged for about 20 feet. The deputies reported that they believe that the boy was also rolled over by the right front wheel of the school bus.

- A 10-year-old male missed his bus at the regular stop and ran across an open field to a second stop in an attempt to get the driver's attention. As the school bus started moving from the second stop, the boy started running along beside the school bus. Police report the boy apparently made some contact with the side of the bus then lost his footing. As he fell, the right rear dual wheels of the school bus ran over the boy and killed him.
- A 6-year-old male and another student had departed the school bus. The bus started to travel forward and struck the 6-year-old boy who was still in front of the school bus. The school bus then traveled over the boy and struck him again with the right rear dual wheels of the bus.
- A 7-year-old male departing a school bus was hit and killed by a passing vehicle. The driver failed to observe the red light and stop sign on a stopped school bus.

**2011 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 9**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 8**

- On a dark, rainy evening, a 17-year-old was being taken home following her after-school program. The bus had activated the stop arm and flashing lights. When the girl was walking across in front of the bus, a car approaching from the front failed to stop. The girl was struck and killed by the passing vehicle.
- An 11-year-old boy missed his bus on the initial pass. As the bus came by on the opposite side of the road, the boy was attempting to catch the bus when an approaching car struck and killed the boy
- An 11-year-old boy had crossed the road, but he realized he had dropped something. The driver did not see the boy when he went back to get what he had dropped. The bus struck and killed him with the left front wheels of the bus.
- An 11-year-old girl was struck and killed by the right rear wheels of the school bus while she was crossing the road. She was on her way home.
- A 10-year-old boy was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver as he tried to board the school bus. The person who hit the boy turned himself in later that day.
- A 13-year-old girl was waiting at a school bus stop. A car was traveling north and the school bus was southbound, approaching the bus stop. The girl had started walking toward bus when she was struck and killed by the approaching car.
- A 12-year-old boy was struck and killed by the right front wheels of the school bus while attempting to board the bus. The sister boarded the bus and was walking back to her seat. She had told the driver that her brother was riding the bus. The driver started the bus moving forward when he hit something. He thought it was a dog until he backed up and saw the boy laying on the road.
- An 11-year-old boy was waiting at the bus stop across the street from his home. Even though there was a scheduled stop in front of the boy's home, he preferred waiting with students at the other stop. Prior to the school bus arriving, the parent called to the boy who ran across the street and was struck and killed by a passing vehicle.
- An 11-year-old girl was departing her school bus and was struck and killed by a passing vehicle. The passing driver failed to observe the flashing signals on the bus. There was some fog but it was determined that was not the cause of the incident.

**2012 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 9**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 5**

- A 7-year-old girl was waiting at the bus stop next to a large mail box. The driver activated the amber lights, but never came to a complete stop because he didn't see anyone. The girl thought the driver was stopping the bus, so she stepped in front of the bus as the driver accelerated. She was struck and killed by the left front tire. The driver was reported to have made five more stops before he was notified by radio that a child had been hi. The accident happened before sunrise.

- A 5-year-old male kindergarten student had exited the bus in a heavy rain and was crossing in front of the bus to his home. The stop arm was out and the lights were flashing when a pick-up approaching from the opposite direction failed to stop and struck and killed him.
- An 8-year-old male was crossing the road to board his bus. The driver of an approaching vehicle stated that the bus had the amber lights flashing, but she was plugging in her cell phone. By the time she saw the boy, it was too late and she struck and killed him. It was still dark out.
- A 14-year-old girl was waiting for the school bus. It was dark out. As she attempted to cross the street to board the school bus, she was struck and killed by a passing vehicle. The bus had the amber lights flashing but had not completely stopped to activate the red lights and stop sign.
- An 11-year-old male was attempting to cross the street to board the bus which was stopped with red lights activated and stop sign extended. As the boy was crossing the street, he was struck and killed by an oncoming vehicle.
- A 7-year-old girl had exited her bus. All lights were activated and the stop arm was out. As she was crossing the street she was struck and killed by a log truck. The truck driver was charged with DWI and driving without a license.
- A 12-year-old boy was attempting to cross the street to board the bus that had stopped and activated flashing red lights and extended the stop arm. As he was crossing the street, he was struck and killed by an oncoming vehicle. It was still dark out.
- A 10-year-old male was fatally struck by a school bus. The boy tripped and fell as he tried to catch the morning bus. He was attempting to crawl out from under the bus when he was run over by the left rear dual wheels.
- A 1-year-old female had wandered outside the gate and walked in front of the bus which was unloading at the time. The driver had closed the door and started the bus in motion when the child was struck and killed by the left rear duals of the bus.

**2013 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 10**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 7**

- A 14-year-old male exited his home and proceeded to his bus stop. It was still dark out. The bus was eastbound approaching the bus stop. The bus driver did not activate the eight-way light system. The student was struck and killed by an oncoming vehicle.
- An 8-year-old male was crossing the road to board his school bus. The stop arm was out and the eight-way lights were flashing when a van approached from the front of the bus which struck and killed the child.
- A 6-year-old male had exited the bus; as he crossed in front of the bus, the driver did not see him and the bus struck and killed him with the right front wheel of the bus.
- A 6-year-old male was attempting to cross the street to his bus stop when an oncoming vehicle struck and killed him. The vehicle had stopped a short distance away from the accident, but later left the scene.
- A 6-year-old male had exited the bus. He bent down to tie his shoe and was struck and killed by the right front wheel of the bus.
- A 6-year-old male was crossing in front of the bus when the bus started moving and the child was struck and killed by the left front wheel of the bus.

- A 17-year-old male was crossing the road to board the bus. The bus had the stop arm and eight-way lights activated, but an oncoming vehicle did not stop. The vehicle struck and killed the student.
- A 6-year-old female was running towards her school when she fell underneath the school bus. She was run over by the left rear dual wheels of the bus.
- A 17-year-old female had exited the bus and was walking across the center turn lane when a passing vehicle failed to stop for the bus while it was unloading. The vehicle struck and killed the female.
- A 9-year-old female had exited her school bus and was struck and killed by another passing school bus. The driver of the bus she exited had not activated the eight-way lights and stop arm, but had turned on the four-way hazard flashers when she began to cross the street.

**2014 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 4**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 4**

- A 16-year-old female was crossing the roadway to load onto her bus. The bus had the stop arm and eight-way lights activated. An oncoming vehicle did not stop. The vehicle struck and killed the student.
- A 7-year-old male had unloaded from his bus. The bus stop is off the traveled portion of the roadway, and the bus did not have its stop arm and eight-way lights activated. The student ran across the roadway in front of the bus and was struck by a passing vehicle.
- A 10-year-old male had unloaded from his bus and proceeded to walk down the embankment beside the roadway. The student then walked back onto the road and was struck by the right rear dual wheels of the bus as it pulled forward.
- A 12-year-old female had unloaded from her bus and was crossing the roadway. The bus had the stop arm and eight-way lights activated. An oncoming vehicle did not stop. The vehicle struck and killed the student.

**2015 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 4**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 4**

- A student riding the school bus was being dropped off at his home. The student's sibling crawled under the school bus and was killed as the bus pulled away.
- Three students were loading the school bus. Two of the children boarded the bus. However, the 5-year-old had dropped something and stopped to pick it up. The child was struck and killed by the bus.
- A 16-year-old boy was crossing the street to load onto the school bus. The stop arm and eight-way red lights were activated. An oncoming vehicle didn't stop and the student was struck and killed.
- A 5-year-old boy who had unloaded from the school bus, was struck and killed by the left front wheel of the bus.

**2016 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 8**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 7**

- A 7-year-old boy was crossing the street to load onto the school bus. An oncoming vehicle struck and killed the student. The school bus had not come to a complete stop and was displaying the eight-way amber lights.

- A 7-year-old girl had unloaded from the school bus. The bus driver did not see her as she crossed in front of the bus. The bus moved forward, and the student was struck and killed by the right front wheel of the bus.
- A 9-year-old girl was unloading from the bus when her backpack was caught in the service door. The student was dragged for a distance prior to the backpack coming loose. The student was struck and killed by the right rear dual wheels of the bus.
- An 11-year-old boy had unloaded from the school bus and was crossing the highway. The stop arm and eight-way red lights were activated. An oncoming vehicle did not stop, and the student was struck and killed.
- Two cousins, a 6-year-old girl and a 6-year old boy, were running across the highway to meet the school bus. An oncoming tractor-trailer struck and killed both students. The school bus had not come to a complete stop and was displaying the eight-way amber lights.
- A 16-year-old boy was crossing the street to load onto the school bus. The stop arm and eight-way red lights were activated. An oncoming vehicle did not stop, and the student was struck and killed.
- A 7-year-old girl had unloaded from the school bus. The stop arm and eight-way red lights were activated. An approaching vehicle did not stop. The vehicle swerved to the right side of the bus and struck and killed the student.

**2017 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 6**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 6**

- An 8-year-old boy had unloaded from the school bus. The bus driver did not see him as he crossed in front of the bus. The bus moved forward, and the student was struck and killed by the right front wheel of the bus.
- A 10-year-old boy was running to catch the school bus. The student tripped and fell and was struck and killed by the right rear dual wheels of the bus.
- A 6-year-old girl had unloaded from the school bus. The bus driver did not see her as she crossed in front of the bus. The bus moved forward, and the student was struck and killed by the right rear dual wheels of the bus.
- A 15-year-old girl was running to catch the school bus at a T-intersection. The school bus was stopped with its stop arm and eight-way lights activated on the non-through street of the T-intersection. The student was crossing the through street when she was struck and killed by a vehicle.
- An 8-year-old girl was crossing the street with her mother to load onto the school bus. The stop arm and eight-way red lights were activated. An oncoming vehicle did not stop and mother and daughter were both struck. The mother survived, but the girl did not.
- A 15-year-old girl had unloaded from the school bus and was crossing the roadway. The stop arm and eight-way red lights were activated. An alleged drunk driver did not stop, and the student was struck and killed.

**2018 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 8**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 6**

- While on school grounds, a 6-year-old girl attempted to catch her bus home by running alongside it, trying to get the driver's attention. The student tripped and fell and was struck by the right rear dual wheels. Student passed away a week later.
- An 8-year-old girl was crossing the street to board the bus. The bus was stopped with stop arm and eight-way red lights activated. An oncoming vehicle didn't stop and the student was struck and killed.
- Four children were crossing the roadway to get on the bus. The bus was stopped with stop arm and eight-way lights activated. An oncoming vehicle didn't stop and struck all four students. A 9-year-old girl and twin 6-year-old boys, all siblings, were killed.

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- A 16-year-old boy was running to catch the bus. The bus had its eight-way amber lights activated, but the stop arm wasn't deployed. The student crossed the road and was struck and killed by an oncoming vehicle.
- Two brothers, ages 10 and 7, crossed the street to board the bus. The bus was stopped with stop arm and eight-way red lights activated. An oncoming vehicle didn't stop. The older brother was struck and killed while protecting the younger brother.
- A 9-year-old boy crossed the highway to board the bus. The stop arm and eight-way red lights were activated. An oncoming vehicle didn't stop. The student was struck and killed.

**2019 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 2**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 2**

- A 9-year-old girl had unloaded from the bus. The bus drove forward and began a right turn. The student was struck by the right rear wheels of the bus.
- A 7-year-old girl was killed while waiting to board the bus. The bus was stopped with stop arm and 8-way red lights activated. A vehicle approaching from the rear didn't stop and passed the bus on the right shoulder. The student was struck and killed.

**2020 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 4**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 4**

- A 7-year-old girl was crossing the roadway to board the bus. The bus was stopped with the stop arm and eight-way red lights activated. An oncoming vehicle did not stop. The student was struck and killed.
- A 7-year-old girl and another student were crossing the roadway after disembarking the bus. The bus was stopped with the stop arm and eight-way red lights activated. A semi driver attempted to avoid colliding with a properly stopped vehicle behind the bus, swerved and struck the two students. The 7-year-old student was killed and the other student was taken by air ambulance to the hospital.
- A 6-year-old boy and his 9-year-old brother were running to catch the bus. The 9-year-old boarded the bus. The 6-year-old was in front of the bus as the bus pulled away from the bus stop. The 6-year-old student was struck and killed by the right front and right rear wheels of the bus.
- A 6-year-old girl was running to catch the bus. The bus was pulling away from the bus stop. The student was struck and killed by the left front wheel of the bus.

\* It should be noted that since 2019 schools across the United States and other countries have continued to struggle with the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. This has resulted in a decrease in the number of students transported.

**2021 TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES 6**

**NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FATALITIES 5**

- A 16-year-old girl was crossing the street to catch the school bus. The bus was stopped with the stop arm and eight-way lights activated. An oncoming vehicle did not stop, and the student was struck and killed.
- A 19-year-old male student with special needs, along with his motorized wheelchair, fell of the lift while being loaded into the school bus. He later died from the injuries he sustained in the fall.
- A 10-year-old girl was crossing the street to board the bus. The bus was stopped with the stop arm and eight-way lights activated. An oncoming vehicle did not stop, and the student was struck and killed.

- A 6-year-old girl unloaded from the school bus. The bus driver did not see her as she crossed in front of the bus. The bus moved forward, and the student was struck and killed by the right front wheel of the bus.
- An 11-year-old-girl was running to catch the school bus. The student tripped and fell and was stuck and killed by the right rear dual wheels of the bus.
- A 6-year-old boy had unloaded from the school bus. The bus driver did not see him as he crossed in front of the bus. The bus moved forward, and the student was struck and killed by both the left front and left rear dual wheels.

This survey is provided annually to the school transportation industry in an effort to alert individuals and organizations of the dangers involved in the loading and unloading of school children. Fatalities continue to occur at the bus stop, caused by a variety of circumstances and errors on the part of the school bus driver or a passing motorist. It points out the continuing need for forceful, advanced instruction to school bus drivers, and the need to increase our efforts to thoroughly inform the driving public about the requirements of the school bus stop law.

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