

SLOW DOWN TO PROTECT OUR STUDENTS

School Zone Speed Safety Cameras Are Here

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Beginning with the 2025–2026 school year, the Tampa Police Department will activate speed safety cameras in select school zones to reduce speeding and prevent crashes.

These cameras use radar technology to detect vehicles going more than 10 miles per hour over the posted limit.

WHEN ARE THE CAMERAS ON?

- Cameras are on the entire school day.
- They turn on 30 minutes before school breakfast programs and do not turn off until 30 minutes after dismissal.

Example: If a school breakfast program starts at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m., the cameras are active from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHY CAMERAS?

Speed is one of the biggest dangers in school zones. When drivers slow down, everyone is safer, especially children walking or biking to school.

Studies show that speed cameras reduce crashes and improve driver behavior.

WHERE ARE THE CAMERAS GOING FIRST?

Initial school zones include:

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| • Alexander Elementary | • Shaw Elementary |
| • B.T. Washington Elementary | • Sulphur Springs Elementary |
| • Ferrell Girls Preparatory Academy | • Tampa Bay Boulevard Elementary |
| • Orange Grove Middle Magnet | • Young Middle Magnet |
| • Potter Elementary | • Lomax Elementary |

Other approved schools which may be included in the future are Shore Elementary and West Tampa Elementary. Additional schools may be included in the future when approved by City Council based on safety studies.

HOW WERE LOCATIONS CHOSEN?

Schools were selected through a comprehensive safety study conducted by the City of Tampa and the Hillsborough County Transportation Planning Organization. Key factors included crash data, traffic patterns, and the number of students walking or biking to school.

WHAT ARE THE SPEED LIMITS?

- During the indicated posted times or when yellow flashing lights are on, you must drive slower. This is called the reduced speed limit.

During the rest of the school day (when the lights are not flashing or it is not during the indicated posted times), the standard speed limit will be enforced.

- If you drive 10 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit, the camera will take a picture of your car and you'll get a ticket in the mail.

This rule applies whether it's during flashing times or indicated posted time (reduced limit) or regular school hours (standard limit).

Let's say the reduced speed limit is 15 MPH and the regular school zone speed limit is 25 MPH:

- ✓ **When lights aren't flashing:** Going 26 MPH in a 25 MPH zone is OK. No ticket.



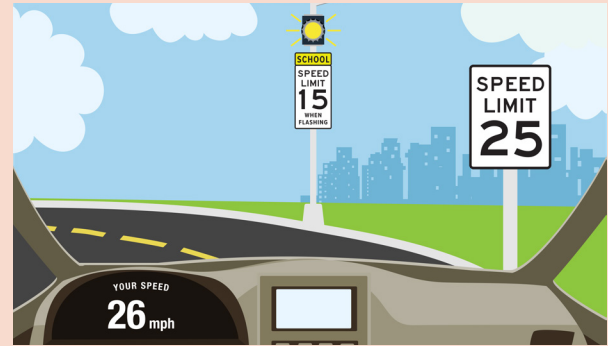
- ✓ **When lights are flashing:** Going 14 MPH in a 15 MPH reduced speed school zone is OK. No ticket.



- ✗ **When lights aren't flashing:** Going 36+ MPH in a 25 MPH school zone = ticket.



- ✗ **When lights are flashing:** Going 26+ MPH in a 15 MPH reduced speed school zone = ticket.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Follow posted speed limits in school zones
- Stay alert, especially during arrival and dismissal times
- Model safe driving for others in the community

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