

MYTHS VS FACTS

FLORIDA SCHOOL ZONE SPEED SAFETY CAMERAS



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Cameras Don't Allow You To Dispute

All citations are issued by Traffic Infraction Enforcement Officers. Any citation issued for a violation captured by a school zone speed safety program allows the alleged registered owner the right to dispute the violation.*

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Violators Are Not Notified Quickly

Within 30 days after a potential violation, a notice of violation will be sent to the registered owner.*

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Cameras Aren't Accurate

Speed safety cameras are required to be calibration tested once every year. The speed safety camera must perform self-tests once every 30 days.*

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Cameras Violate Privacy

Speed safety cameras may not be used for remote surveillance. Recorded video or photographs collected by speed safety cameras may only be used to document violations and for purposes of determining criminal or civil liability for incidents captured by the speed safety cameras.*

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Cameras Do Not Improve Safety

Speed safety cameras have been shown to be effective in pedestrian-related injuries and reducing crashes by more than 50%.**

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Cameras Don't Protect Kids

The school zone speed safety programs may be enforced on school days 30 minutes prior to the start of school through 30 minutes after school and at such other times as permitted by law.*

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MYTH > WE DON'T NEED SPEED SAFETY CAMERAS

In 2018, a study by Zendrive found that Florida ranked 50th of all states in terms of unsafe driving in school zones. 20 Florida counties — both rural and urban — received an "F" for driver behavior in school zones. GHSA's Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities by State: 2022 Preliminary Data report showed Florida had the largest pedestrian fatality rates per 100,000 population.



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MYTH > CAMERAS ARE FOR SPEED TRAPS

Public awareness campaigns must occur before the programs can be operational, special signs alerting drivers that a school zone speed program is installed in the school zone are required, only violations in excess of 10 miles per hour over the speed limit in force at the time of the violation will be enforced.*



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MYTH > CAMERAS ARE FOR REVENUE

Program revenue goes back to the community through safety initiatives.

Civil fine of \$100.00:

\$20 toward the state general revenue fund; \$60 toward local municipality to administer school zone speed programs or other public safety initiatives; \$12 toward local school districts for school security initiatives, student transportation, or improving safety of student walking conditions; \$3 toward FDLE Criminal Standards and Training Fund; \$5 toward the Crossing Guard Recruitment and Retention Program.*



FACT

*Source: HB 657 Legislation

**Source: U.S. Department of Transportation