

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why did I receive the notice of violation?

-All violations are sent to the Registered owner of the vehicle, at the address associated with the tag.

How much is the monetary penalty?

-The penalty is set by Georgia law and allows:
1st offense-\$75 + \$5 processing fee.

2nd and subsequent \$125 + \$5 processing fee.
Payments are **NOT** made at the Albany Municipal Court Clerk's Office

What happens if I ignore the violation?

-A hold will be placed on the vehicle registration, preventing the car tag from being renewed. A final step, if ignored, will be to submit the registered owner's name and amount owed to a collection agency.

What is the money collected used for?

-State law requires that the revenue collected from school zone cameras must be used for law enforcement activities that make the community safer. The money **CANNOT** be used for salaries, and it is **NOT** added to the city's general fund.

Will this violation put points on my driver's license?

-No, this is considered a civil violation. It is not a criminal.

Does the school have to be visible to me?

-No, if it is marked school zone, by Ga DOT standards, you may not see the school immediately upon travel. The zone is within **1000 feet (333.34 yards)** of school property, **as required.**

LEGAL DEFENSES TO VIOLATION

-If you request a hearing, the Administrative Officer will ask if you are liable or not liable.

Liable- means legally responsible for violation.

Not Liable-means you are not legally responsible for the violation. And a hearing will commence.

-If you have multiple offenses, and have requested a hearing, the administrative officer can reduce or uphold fines based on the facts of the case.

-If your car or car tag was stolen during the violation, you can complete an affidavit and submit it with the police incident report, and the violation will be dismissed.

-If the registered owner of the vehicle was not the operator of the vehicle during the violation, the owner can complete an affidavit swearing to that fact and the violation will be dismissed. (Please remember filing a false affidavit is a felony in Georgia (OCGA 16-10-20.1))

-If the violation occurred on a day that was **NOT** a Dougherty County School Day.

-If you are found liable for the violation, you will receive the hearing order in the mail from RedSpeed. This will detail the findings of the Administrative Officer. Monetary penalties cannot be paid at Albany Municipal Court.



REDSPEED/SCHOOL ZONE VIOLATION INFORMATION



A collaborative public safety initiative involving Albany Police Department and RedSpeed, Georgia

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SCHOOL ZONE CAMERA LAW OCGA 40-14-8

- Speed limit within any school zone may be enforced by using photographically recorded images
- Violation must occur on a school day in which instructional classes are taking place.
- Enforcement begins 1 hour before such classes are scheduled and ends 1 hour after such classes are concluded.
- Drivers are cited for speeds more than 10 mph above speed limit
- Liability shall be determined based on the preponderance of the evidence. Meaning, it is more likely than not.
- This is a civil infraction and is not considered a criminal moving violation.
- Infractions are reviewed by a certified public safety officer (Albany Police Department) that swears based upon inspection of recorded images, vehicle was operated in disregard for speed limit.
- Notices mailed by first class mail are considered adequate notice of violation
- If the violations are not contested or the assessed penalty paid, the registered owner will receive a final notice. This notice informs the registered owner of intent to send referral to the Department of Revenue in 30 days, placing a hold on tag renewal.

SCHOOL ZONE CAMERA MYTHS

All school zones must have flashing yellow lights

-FALSE-Georgia law does **NOT** require flashing yellow lights in a school zone

Slappey Boulevard is not a school zone because there are no flashing yellow lights alerting drivers of school zone.

-FALSE—Georgia does not require flashing yellow lights in a school zone. The Department of Transportation requires prominent signage.

The City of Albany is choosing to not put flashing yellow lights on Slappey Boulevard

-FALSE—The City of Albany must request placement of flashing yellow lights from the Georgia Department of Transportation because Slappey Boulevard is a state route.
The City has now placed flashing lights on Slappey Blvd-with GDOT approval

I cannot get a school zone camera violation if I am speeding on a school day during my lunch hour.

-FALSE—Enforcement starts an hour before school and is enforced the **ENTIRE** day concluding an hour after school is dismissed.

Albany Municipal Court is responsible for questions and resolution of school zone tickets.

-FALSE— Questions and payments should be directed to RedSpeed or Albany Police Department

SPEED LIMITS AND SCHOOL ZONE ENFORCEMENT TIMES-(drivers are cited for driving 11 MPH or more over speed limit, on a school day)

Elementary School Zone times, when speed limit is 25 MPH:

7:15AM-8:15 AM and 2:15PM to 3:15PM

High School Zone Times, when speed limit is 25 MPH:

Monroe- 7:35AM-8:35AM and 4:20PM to 5:20PM

Westover-7:35AM-8:35AM and 3:15PM to 4:15PM

Dougherty-7:20AM-8:20AM and 3:50PM to 4:50PM

School Zone Speed Limit outside school zone time (cameras still operate on school day)

-Lincoln Elementary School, (Monroe St) and Sherwood Elementary School, (Whispering Pines) **8:16AM-2:14PM-30 MPH**

-Northside Elementary School (Slappey) **8:16AM-2:14PM- 35 MPH**

-Robert Harvey Elementary School (Blaylock St) **8:16AM - 2:14PM -40 MPH**

-Morningside Elementary School (E. Oakridge Dr), Alice Coachmen Elementary School (W.Oakridge Dr), **8:16AM- 2:14PM 45 MPH**

-Westover High School (N. Westover Blvd) **8:36AM-3:14PM 45 MPH**

-Monroe High School (Newton Rd) **8:36AM-4:19PM 45 MPH**

-Dougherty County High School (Oglethorpe Blvd) **8:21AM-3:49PM 45 MPH**