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Streets that are adjacent to schools and provide school access (i.e., not fenced or blocked off) are considered school zones. These streets typically have curbside drop-off/pick-up operations, and concentrations of students walking and biking to school. School crossing zones are locations not adjacent to the school site where school-aged pedestrians need to cross the street at uncontrolled locations. State Law [Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 484B.363] establishes school zones at 15 miles per hour and school crossing zones at 25 miles per hour.

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Signs for all school zones and school crossing zones are provided in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Each zone is marked with a school zone sign (newer signs will have “ahead” below the sign). If a speed reduction is required, a school speed limit 15 or school speed limit 25 is posted, and at the end of each zone, an end school zone is posted along with a speed limit sign if needed. At each uncontrolled crosswalk, school crossings signs will be posted (newer signs will have a downward arrow).



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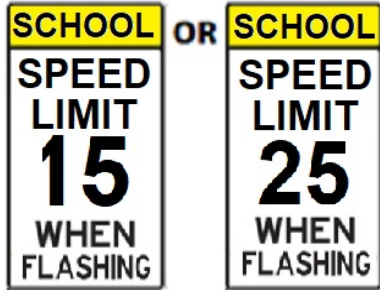
Indicates a school zone or school crossing zone

Indicates where a school crossing or crosswalk exists

School zones and school crossing zones, and their associated reduced speed limits, are in effect during the times indicated by signs and/or flashing beacons, or “When Children Are Present”. Those times are determined by the city traffic engineer in consultation with the principal of the school and the agency responsible for speed limit enforcement – typically the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD).



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School zone or school crossing zone is only in effect when flashers are operating



School zone or school crossing zone is in effect during school hours when children are present in the school zone or school crossing zone

Flashing beacon installations are typically installed on busier streets with higher speed limits, and overhead beacons are installed on multi-lane streets. The city works with the Clark County School District to have beacons installed with the construction of new schools. Beacons are being installed at school zones and school crossing zones for older schools as funding permits.



Are there other school zone requirements besides reduced speed limits?

Motorists shall not make a U-turn in a school zone or school crossing zone when it is in effect.

Motorists shall not overtake and pass another vehicle traveling in the same direction in a school zone or school crossing zone when it is in effect.

If while violating these restrictions or reduced speed limits in a school zone or school crossing zone, a driver is also the proximate cause of a collision with a pedestrian or a person riding a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an electric scooter, the driver is subject to additional penalties set forth in subsection 4 or NRS 484B.653.

Why are some school signs yellow and others yellow-green?

A recent change in the MUTCD allows for the use of more visible Fluorescent Yellow-Green (FYG) colored signs. The city has adopted this newer FYG color as our standard. Older yellow signs are being changed to the new FYG color when they need replacing. Both colors are proper and legal.

Want More Information?

This flyer is for general purposes only. For more information, please contact the city of Las Vegas Department of Public Works, Transportation Engineering Division at (702) 229-6331 or <https://seeclixfix.com/las-vegas>

NOTE: The **Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)** is used throughout the country as the standard by which traffic control decisions are made. Nevada Revised Statute 484A.430 requires its use for placement of all traffic control devices. Find the **complete** MUTCD at <https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/> or scan the QR code.

