



It's that time of year ...

A ticket for speeding in a school zone in New York costs between \$45 and \$1,200, depending on the speed, day of the week, and time of day.

Fines When School is in Session: From 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on days that school is in session, speeding in a NY school zone costs \$90-\$300 for going 1 to 10 mph over the limit; \$180-\$600 for going 11 to 30 mph over; and \$360-\$1,200 for going 31+ mph over.

Fines When School is Not in Session: From 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays or on weekends or school holidays, a NY school zone speeding ticket costs \$45-\$150 for speeding 1 to 10 mph over the limit; \$90-\$300 for speeding 11 to 30 mph over; and \$180-\$600 for speeding 31+ mph over.

Surcharges: In addition to the fine, speeding a school zone comes with a mandatory state surcharge of \$88 or \$93, depending on whether the driver was in a city or a town/village.

Driver Responsibility Assessment Fee (DRA): The New York DMV will issue an additional fine to any driver who receives six or more points within an 18-month period. This fine is known as the Driver Responsibility Assessment fee (DRA). A DRA costs \$300 plus \$75 for each point after six. This fee is paid to the DMV and is separate from the fines and state surcharge associated with the ticket.



Points: If convicted, drivers will get 3 points for speeding 1 to 10 mph over the limit in a school zone; speeding 11 to 20 mph over will result in 4 points; the DMV assess 6 points for speeding 21 to 30 mph over; drivers get 8 points for speeding 31 to 40 mph; and speeding 41 mph or more over the limit in a school zone means 11 points (and likely a suspended license).

| Violation | Total Fine, Surcharge & DRA (school not in session) | Total Fine, Surcharge & DRA (on school days) | Points |
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| Speeding 1-10 MPH over limit | \$133 – \$243 | \$178 – \$693 | 3 points |
| Speeding 11- 20 MPH over limit | \$178 – \$393 | \$268 – \$693 | 4 points |
| Speeding 21- 30 MPH over limit | \$478 – \$993 | \$568 – \$993 | 6 points |
| Speeding 31-40 MPH over limit | \$718 – \$1,143 | \$898 – \$1,743 | 8 points |
| Speeding 41+ MPH over limit | \$943 – \$1,368 | \$1,123 – \$1,968 | 11 points |

Auto insurance premium increases: A conviction for speeding in a school zone in New York can seriously impact one's auto insurance premiums. Studies show that even a single speeding ticket can lead to up to a 30 percent increase in a driver's insurance rates.



An estimated 50,000 motor vehicles illegally pass New York State school buses every day, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee said.

The greatest risk to children is approaching and leaving a school bus, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Here's what you need to know — and what you should do — when you see a bus stopped with its flashing lights and extended stop-sign arm or you are driving by a school.

Passing a Stopped School Bus

In New York, it is mandatory for motorists to stop for school buses that have their red warning lights activated, whether they are approaching or following a school bus. Motorists must remain a minimum of 20 feet in front or in back of the school bus.

If the bus has its yellow lights flashing, that means the bus is preparing to stop.

By law, a driver approaching a school bus must stop from either direction when encountering a school bus in the process of loading or unloading students:

- On a public highway
- On multiple lane roads
- On opposite sides of divided highways
- On a public street
- On a private road
- In a parking lot
- On school property

Safety Tips

The State of New York has tips for driving while sharing the road with school buses:

- Remember buses make frequent stops. Be prepared to stop for them.
- Never pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing on the right or the left.
- Watch for children who cross in front of the bus when the bus is stopped.
- Look for children at bus stops and those running to bus stops.
- By law school buses are required to stop at railroad crossings.

Penalties for Passing A Stopped School Bus

1st Offense \$250 to \$400 fine and/or 0 – 30 days in jail 5 points in license

2nd Offense \$600 to \$750 fine and/or 0 – 180 days in jail 5 points on license

3rd Offense \$750 to \$1000 fine and/or 0 – 180 days in jail Automatic license suspension

Also Remember Eyes on the Road, **NOT on the Phone!!!!**

**THREE
SECONDS**



“Nearly 80% of crashes and 65% of near-crashes involved some form of driver inattention within three seconds before the event.” (NHTSA)