

Proposed Schools Slow Zones

What is a school slow zone?

A school slow zone is a permanent 20 mile-per-hour speed limit on a neighborhood street within 600 feet of an access point to a school. New speed limit signs will clearly define these slow zones.

Where are we proposing school slow zones?

Slow zones demonstrations are proposed at 11 public + 2 private schools. These demonstration projects will test the proposed slow zone signage in a few locations before applying them countywide.

Who is involved?

Arlington County Transportation staff developed the proposal for school slow zones in coordination with colleagues at Arlington Public Schools and the Police Department. Staff requested that the County Board hold a public hearing on the changes required for the school slow zones at their November 2021 meeting.

When will the slow zones be installed?

Pending County Board approval, we will post the reduced speed limits during Winter 2021/2022.

How will we know if the slow zones actually reduce speeds?

We will collect before (Fall 2021) and after (Spring 2022) vehicle speed data to assess whether the slow zones (as designed) successfully reduce speeds around schools. We will also collect community feedback through in Spring 2022 to learn about your experiences and observations during the demonstrations. **For updates, visit the [Vision Zero website](#) and subscribe to our monthly Newsletter.**

All local neighborhood streets within 600ft of school access → **20MPH at all times**



Slower speeds around schools is beneficial for everyone:

- ◆ One in four crashes in Arlington involves speeding.
 - ◆ Every year, there are 10+ crashes involving speeding around schools.
- ◆ The risk of injuries and deaths increases as vehicle speed increases.
- ◆ Children are some of our most vulnerable travelers.

Schools identified:

Because current beacons need replacing:

- ◆ Tuckahoe ES + Bishop O'Connell HS (merged)
- ◆ Glebe ES
- ◆ Wakefield HS + Claremont ES (merged)
- ◆ St. Thomas More ES + MS

Near the High-Injury Network & within MWCOG's Equity Emphasis Areas:

- ◆ Hoffman Boston ES
- ◆ Gunston MS
- ◆ Drew ES

By the New School Working Group:

- ◆ Escuela Key ES (former Arlington Traditional)
- ◆ Arlington Traditional ES (former McKinley)
- ◆ Innovation ES (former Key)
- ◆ Cardinal ES

