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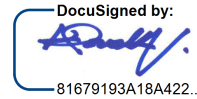
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TO: District Traffic Operations Engineers

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SUBJECT: **Speed Zoning for Highways, Roads, and Streets in Florida  
Chapter 15 Interpretation**



This memorandum interprets *Section 15.4* SCHOOL TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS paragraph (2), *Table 15-1*, and *Section 15.4.2* SCHOOL ZONES paragraph (3) of the Speed Zoning for Highways, Roads, and Streets in Florida revised on August 20, 2018, and adopted by Rule 14-15.012, F.A.C. on February 6, 2019.

*Section 15.4* SCHOOL TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS paragraph (2) and *Table 15-1* establish device spacings for school advance warning signs, school crossings, and school zones. The spacings are minimum spacings, and the spacings on state roadways may be decreased to better accommodate the conditions at a specific location with approval from the District Traffic Operations Engineer.

*Section 15.4.2* SCHOOL ZONES paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) address speed limits for school zones. Paragraph (3) applies to urbanized areas, as defined in Section 334.03, Florida Statutes and delineated by the Florida Department of Transportation, Transportation Data and Analytics (TDA) Office. The TDA Office provides the Urbanized Areas map, which is available through the [Urban Area Boundary and Functional Classification Data Hub](#), 2010 U.S. Census Urbanized Areas.

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