



## Students Are Safer When Drivers Slow Down

### Traffic Safety is Important to Everyone

Driving the speed limit reduces risk of injury and serious harm for drivers, passengers, and pedestrians. Make a deliberate choice to slow down, focus only on driving, and consistently wear a seat belt to demonstrate you care. Traffic safety culture is driven by daily choices. Together we make the roads safer for our children and youth!

### Tell the Story

Connect with concerned stakeholders and decision makers to slow speeds and mobilize your community. Share your data, issue a call to action, and engage community members:

- ⇒ Brainstorm solutions with your school board, city council, or county commissioners after a data presentation. Parents will also be interested!
- ⇒ Share [safety messages](#) in your social media to promote a traffic safety culture in school zones and other places children and youth visit in your community.
- ⇒ Use your data to craft a competitive Safe [Routes to School grant](#) to make infrastructure changes to improve safety.

**Slow Speeds to Keep Kids Safe** Speeding increases danger for everyone crossing streets or driving, walking, or rolling to school. Take these steps to slow down and improve student safety:

- ◇ Start or support a student safety patrol program. The [AAA Safety Patrol Operations Manual](#) is an excellent ‘how-to’ resource.
- ◇ Apply for [WTSC mini-grants](#) to fund school crossing guard programs or for local law enforcement to purchase equipment for school zone speed enforcement.
- ◇ Use this data brief and the [Speed Safety Cameras Enforcement Guide](#) to educate and support decision makers to adopt automated enforcement to slow speeds around critical places kids live, learn, play, and travel.
- ◇ [Explore lowering speeds](#) to 20 MPH on school walk routes to protect school children and families.



### Online Resources

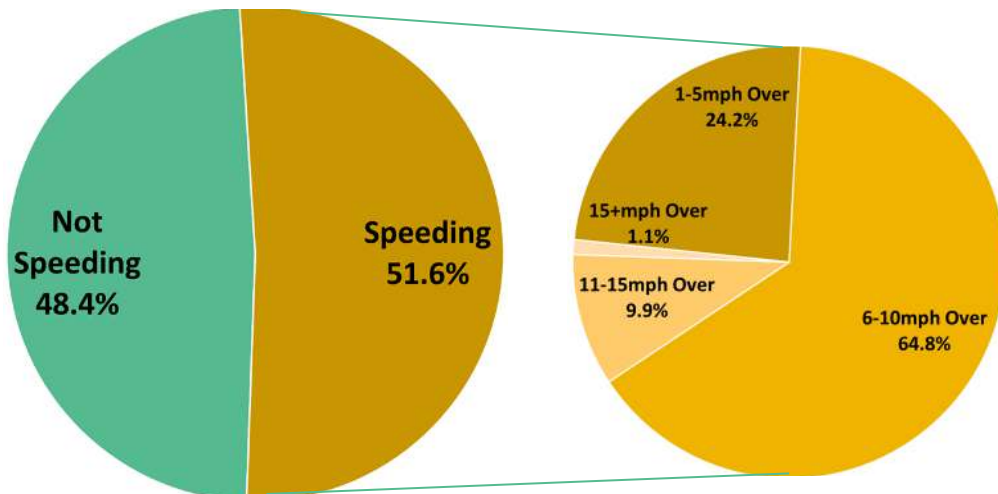
- ⇒ Use the [Walkability Checklist \(Spanish\)](#) to decide if your neighborhood, school walk route, or community is a friendly place to walk. Your school zone speeding data may help you take steps to make walking and riding in your community safer.
- ⇒ Bust myths and use the [Prevent Pedestrian Crashes](#) guide to teach kids 10 years old and younger traffic safety skills. You may refresh your own skills, too!
- ⇒ Talk with preteens and teens using these talking points to [Prevent Teen Pedestrian Crashes](#). How long has it been since you earned your driver’s license? Things may have changed since then.
- ⇒ Get to know and work with your [regional Target Zero Manager](#), a traffic safety professional interested in your community and your safety! They are willing partners and have resources to promote traffic safety for everyone.

*“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.” Margaret Wheatley.*



# Parkside Elementary School Survey Results

October 13, 2022—Morning; November 8, 2022—Afternoon				How fast are SPEEDING DRIVERS going?			
Posted Speed/ Vehicle Action	Total Driver Observations (n=)	NOT Speeding Driver	Speeding Driver	Speeding 1-5 mph over	Speeding 6-10 mph over	Speeding 11-15 mph over	Speeding 15+ mph over
A.M. School Zone (20 mph)	104	56.7%	43.3% (n=45)	31.1% (n=14)	57.8% (n=26)	11.1% (n=5)	0%
P.M. School Zone (20 mph)	249	45.0%	55.0% (n=137)	21.9% (n=30)	67.2% (n=92)	9.5% (n=13)	1.5% (n=2)
School Bus	16	93.8%	6.3% (n=1)	(n=1)	0%	0%	0%
Passing Through	337	46.3%	53.7% (n=181)	23.8% (n=43)	65.2% (n=118)	9.9% (n=18)	1.1% (n=2)
All Drivers	353	48.4%	51.6% (n=182)	24.2% (n=44)	64.8% (n=118)	9.9% (n=18)	1.1% (n=2)



## Survey results show:

- ⇒ Half of drivers observed exceeded the 20 mph limit, the majority traveling 26—30 mph, which is also in excess of the regular posted speed of 25 mph.
- ⇒ One in ten speeding drivers were traveling over 30 mph and two were observed traveling over 35 mph in the active school zone.
- ⇒ All school bus drivers were traveling at or below the 20 mph school zone limit except one, who was traveling over the 20 mph limit but under the regular 25 mph limit.
- ⇒ Traffic volume was higher in the afternoon and there was a higher rate of speeding drivers. These drivers also traveled at higher speeds than drivers observed during the morning school zone time.

## Observation Notes

Observations were collected on Sussex Ave E one block north of Parkside Elementary located on E Central Ave. Flashing beacons with signage indicate the active school zone on Sussex Ave E, and busy walk route for students. The survey was conducted within the active school zone east of the intersection of Sussex Ave E and S Custer St. The intersection has marked crosswalks and flashers that can be activated by those crossing.

