

BROWARD COUNTY

School Bus Safety Program

Stop-arm camera enforcement is live. What it is, how it works, and what to tell your community.

District Advisory Council Briefing

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Why this program exists — and where we stand

The exposure is daily, statewide and measurable. Education campaigns conducted. Statutory requirements were met before any fine was issued.

40M

Estimated illegal passes of stopped school buses nationwide each year

NASDPTS

8,000+

Illegal passes reported statewide in a single-day Florida survey

FLDOE

#2

Florida's national rank for fatal school bus-related crashes

NHTSA

AUG 10, 2026

Warning period opens

30-day public awareness campaign begins. Warnings only — no civil penalty may be imposed.

SEP 9, 2026

Enforcement is LIVE

Notices of Violation begin issuing. The \$225 civil penalty attaches.

NOW

Stakeholder outreach

BusPatrol and SSEP briefing DAC, NAC, CAC, SAC and the Diversity Committee.

●
~1,100 buses equipped

AI-powered infraction detection systems across the fleet.

●
A person decides
Every violation is reviewed by a BCPS Police Officer before any notice issues.

●
More than 90% never reoffend
Behavior change that happens to carry a fine.



Sources: NASDPTS stop-arm violation count; Florida DOE illegal passing survey; NHTSA. Warning-period date, fleet count and 30-day awareness requirement per s. 316.173(3), F.S. and the BCPS program page.

Legal authority — and how a violation becomes a notice

s. 316.173, F.S. (school bus infraction detection systems), enforcing s. 316.172(1)(a) and (b). Not discretionary district policy.

1

Authorized by statute

Created in 2023; amended 2024 and 2025. Districts may install and operate stop-arm camera systems and must contract enforcement through an interlocal agreement with a law enforcement agency.

2

Signage is mandatory

Each equipped bus must display "STOP WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASH" and "CAMERA ENFORCED" with a camera graphic, occupying at least 75% of available rear space.

3

Penalty is set in state law

\$200 civil penalty plus \$25 administrative fee. The district does not set the amount.

4

Cameras supplement officers

The statute does not displace an officer's authority to write a citation on scene for the same conduct.

01 DETECT

Cameras activate when the bus stop signals are displayed. AI flags a potential pass.

02 TRANSMIT

Video, stills, plate and GPS/time data are securely sent to law enforcement.

03 REVIEW

BCPS Police independently reviews the evidence and determines whether a violation occurred.

04 NOTICE

If confirmed, a Notice of Violation is mailed to the registered owner by first-class mail.

05 RESOLVE

Owner pays, files an affidavit, or requests an administrative hearing.

The recorded video and images create a rebuttable presumption — not a conclusive one. The owner may review the evidence before deciding how to respond. The camera flags; a person decides.

Driver's handbook refresher: when must you stop?

Stop when the stop signal is displayed. Remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the signals go off.

WHEN TO STOP FOR A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS IN FLORIDA



ALL traffic stops

Two-lane road



ALL traffic stops

Multi-lane, no barrier



Oncoming may proceed

Divided by raised median

The Notice of Violation — and what a recipient can do

Three paths. Take one before the statutory window closes, or a uniform traffic citation follows.

IT IS

- ✓ A \$225 **civil penalty** issued to the registered owner of the vehicle
- ✓ Reviewed and issued by Broward County Schools Police
- ✓ Supported by video and still images the owner can view online
- ✓ Contestable — instructions appear on page 2 of the notice
- ✓ Escalating to a uniform traffic citation by certified mail if ignored

IT IS NOT

- ✗ Points against a driver license — none are assessed
- ✗ A criminal charge or an arrest
- ✗ Issued by a camera — a sworn officer makes the determination
- ✗ Surveillance — the system may not be used for remote surveillance
- ✗ A district revenue decision — the amount is fixed by state law

PAY

Online at alertbus.com using the notice number (AB-#####) and plate. By phone at 1-877-504-7080. Or by check to "Florida School Bus Infraction Detection Enforcement."

AFFIDAVIT

The owner was not in care, custody or control; an officer already cited the driver; the vehicle was stolen; or the owner was deceased. Forms are posted on the district website.

CONTEST

Request an administrative hearing before a local hearing officer. Instructions are on page 2 of the notice. If upheld, costs are added on top of the \$225.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT • 1-877-504-7080

Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. English, Spanish and Haitian Creole agents available. After hours, leave a message for a next-business-day callback. Lost your notice? Call the same number.

Payment plans are not offered on the notice itself; per the district FAQ they may be available only after a hearing when the amount due rises to \$315 or more.



The program at a glance

The short version to give a constituent who calls.

SEP 9, 2026

Enforcement is live

~1,100 buses

Camera-equipped fleet

\$225

Civil penalty set in state law

- State law, not district policy — s. 316.173, F.S.
- A BCPS Police officer reviews every clip. The camera flags; a person decides.
- Civil penalty only — no points on a license.
- A 30-day warning period ran before any fine could issue.
- Everyone stops unless a raised barrier or 5 ft+ unpaved median divides the road.
- The vendor is not paid per ticket; district funds are restricted to transportation safety.
- Capture is narrow and identities are obscured.
- Notice questions go to alertbus.com or 1-877-504-7080.

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Program authority and guardrails per s. 316.173, F.S.; penalty split per s. 318.18(5), F.S.; permitted uses per s. 316.173(8), F.S.