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Pay attention to those flashing lights in school zones in Burleson – students are back in school this week.

The City of Burleson maintains 15 school zone flashers. The Texas Department of Transportation maintains the flashing school zone lights on FM 1902, East Renfro and Wilshire Boulevard.

The Burleson Police Department's traffic unit and patrol officers are monitoring the school zones. The City of Burleson is responsible for two school zones (three schools) in the Joshua School District and 13 in the Burleson School District.

School zones exist on South Dobson Street, East Miller Street, South Lawson Street, East Ellison Street, South Hurst Road, Blayke Street, Hillside Drive, Collett Street, Southwest Thomas Street, Northwest Newton Street, Northwest Tarrant Street, Lynnewood Avenue, Evelyn Lane, East Renfro Street, Northeast Alsbury Boulevard, Elk Drive, Southwest Murphy Street, Southeast Gregory Street, Irene Street, Southeast Dian Street, Southwest Johnson Avenue, Summercrest Boulevard, Pleasant Manor, McAlister, Wilshire Boulevard/Hwy.174, Ranchway Drive, and FM 1902.

Remember, if you don't have a hands-free device you can't use your cell phone while driving through an active school zone in Burleson. This change has been in effect since 2009. It is illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. "Use of a wireless communication device" includes texting, reading or answering e-mails, and any and all other functions of a cellular telephone. Violating this law is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.

Drivers, regardless of which direction you are approaching the school bus, you must stop if that bus has stopped to let students get on or get off the bus. You may not proceed until the school bus resumes motion, the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed, or the visual signal (generally a sign), is no longer activated.

Burleson police officers also advise drivers to be vigilant about their speed, children crossing the road, and students who may be darting out from between vehicles.