

# SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS



School crossing guards are normally assigned to locations where official supervision is needed to assist, elementary school age pedestrians, as they cross a public street along a suggested route to school. The City considers pedestrian safety to be very important.

## Standards for Deciding Where Crossing Guards are Used

Like other traffic control devices, the placement of a school crossing guard requires an engineering study, to determine if the location meets "Warrants" or criteria as found in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD) and the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

School Crossing Guards may be used under the following conditions:

1. At uncontrolled crossings where there is no alternative controlled crossing within 600 feet; and
  - a. Vehicular traffic volume exceeds 350 vehicles during each of any two hours (not necessarily consecutive) in which 40 or more school age pedestrians cross daily going to or from school; or
  - b. In rural areas where the vehicular traffic volume exceeds 300 vehicles during each of any two hours (not necessarily consecutive) in which 30 or more school age pedestrians cross daily while going to and from school. Whenever the critical (85th percentile) approach speed exceeds 40 mph the guidelines for rural areas is used.
2. At stop sign-controlled crossings where the vehicular traffic volume on undivided highways of four or more lanes exceeds 500 per hour during any hour school pedestrians are going to or from school.
3. At traffic signal-controlled crossings:
  - a. Where the number of vehicular turning movements through the school crosswalk exceeds 300 per hour while school pedestrians are going to and /or from school.
  - b. Where there are circumstances not normally presented at a signalized intersection, such as crosswalks more than 80 feet long with no center median.

Crossing guards may also be used to provide gaps in traffic at school crossings where an engineering study has shown that adequate gaps need to be created and where authorized by law.

## What is the process for requesting new school crossing guards?

A written request should be emailed to the City Traffic Division for review and consideration at [traffic@transtech.org](mailto:traffic@transtech.org)

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