

**Adult School Crossing Guards, Madison Peer City Review
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Davis, California

- Davis does have an Adult School Crossing Guard program.
- They contract out the operation of this program.
- The city has a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) to pay for this as a 50/50 split. The City bills also DJUSD 3% of total contract cost at end of fiscal year for administration.
- The City and the School District work jointly to determine expansion or reduction or crossing guard services or locations.
- From the 2012-2013 school year contract, there were 12 adult school crossing guard locations.
- From the MOA it looks like their crossing guards are all for elementary school locations.
- The city also provides training to the contracted crossing guards.
- Active Transportation Coordinator (currently unfilled) supervises this for the city.

Establishment of School Crossing Guards - Revised Guidelines, September 6, 2002

Guidelines for the Placement of Crossing Guards in the City of Davis
Based on Traffic Volume

	Vehicular Traffic Volume During Peak Hours of School	Pedestrian Volume During Peak Hours of School
Uncontrolled Crossing (no alternate controlled crossing within 300 feet)	350	50
Stop Controlled Crossing	500	50
Signal Controlled Crossing [*Vehicular turning movements through the school crosswalks]	300*	50

Although these volume guidelines have been developed to assist in the determination of the need for school crossing guards, volumes should not be construed as being the exclusive means of doing so. The final recommendations for the deployment of adult crossing guards will be based on detailed engineering and traffic studies conducted by the City of Davis Public Works Department, and the exercise of engineering judgment by the City Engineer, and the concurrence of School District staff.

Boulder, Colorado

The City of Boulder does not have an Adult School Crossing Guard program

The Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) has a parent volunteer crossing guard program.

Crossing Guard Program

The aim of a parent volunteer crossing guard program is to make school zones noticeably safer for children on foot or bike. Crossing Guards act as protectors of the crosswalks by creating safe intervals for crossing. They are also educators by conveying to all students what it means to be a prudent and skilled pedestrian.

With funding and resources of a Colorado Safe Routes to School grant in cooperation with the City of Boulder/GO Boulder, the BVSD has assisted schools to develop crossing guard programs.

ELIGIBILITY TO RIDE THE SCHOOL BUS

Measurements for determining a student's eligibility for District transportation shall be made along the shortest normal and safe walking route from home to school. Distance shall be computed from the point on the public street where the main entrance or entrances to school occur(s) and shall terminate at the property line of owned or rented property which is closest to school on the route traveled. The following criteria are established for student walking distance:

Elementary (K- 5) - one and one-half miles

Middle school (6-8) - two miles

High Schools - two and one-half miles

Measurements shall be made using standard measuring equipment utilized by the Transportation Department. To maintain consistency of service, the Transportation Department may apply a variance of up to 50 feet to compensate for measurement inaccuracies. Such variance will be applied to provide bus service to students who reside on or near the walk distance boundary.

Seattle

In 2010-11 Seattle Public Schools Transportation Department assumed responsibility of the Adult Crossing Guard Program from the Seattle Police Department (SPD). At that time, 57 SPD employees joined the SPS team. We have continued to grow over the last 2 1/2 years, currently employing 74 guards. The Transportation Department works closely with the City of Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee to maintain the safety of our students and employees.

The Transportation Service Standards 2012-13 states: The District Transportation Department shall continue to work in partnership with the City of Seattle Traffic Safety Committee with the purpose of improving traffic safety for all of Seattle's schoolchildren. Student health and wellness in addition to reducing the District's carbon footprint shall be encouraged through the following measures to be incorporated beginning this 2012-13 school year.

This is our third year that SPS has had the Adult crossing guard program. Their placement is reviewed monthly to maximize all k-8 recommended one mile walk boundaries. We now have 80 Adult crossing guards safely crossing our students. We were just awarded a \$12,000.00 grant from Washington Traffic Safety Commission for additional safety uniforms.

Annual mode-choice counts (using the safe routes to school center mode choice survey) shall be conducted at each K-8 school during the first week in June. This count helps with determining numbers of walking /biking students and how we best serve their needs.

In 2013-14, each Elementary and K-8 school may operate a Walking School Bus within the District's recommended walk maps. Walking School Bus routes will be identified at all elementary K-8 schools in partnership with the Transportation Department, City of Seattle Traffic Safety Committee, and school principals.

City of Seattle Traffic Safety Committee created a Walking School Bus Committee. That committee made a recommendation to bring PedNet Walking School Bus Training Program to Seattle, SDOT offered to pay the \$5,000 fee thru their grant program. Robert Johnson, Director of Consulting Services came to Seattle in May 2011. This all day program gave Seattle the tools needed to be successful in starting our program.

The Walking School Bus Committee meets bi-weekly at John Stanford Center. We have started implementation of timelines, preliminary work plan, and estimated budget. Elementary schools already onboard with one or more walking school buses are; Dearborn Park, Hawthorne, Lawton, West Woodland, Graham Hill, Bagley, Highland Park and Mc Donald. Olympic Hills and Roxhill will be starting soon as part of the WSDOT Grants.

Portland, Oregon

School Crossing Treatment Study

Treatment of School Pedestrian Crossings, A Comparison of Traffic Calming Tools, November 1997

Crossing Guards

School crossing guards are organized by the local school to increase the awareness of automobile drivers to the school crossing's highest use time, when classes are starting or ending.

Crossing guards are good supplements to school crossing signs and pavement markings, alerting drivers to a specific situation. Their effectiveness varies with the amount of adult supervision available, and what other controls are in place at the crossing. Crossing guards are often on duty for only 15-20 minutes before or after school. The play grounds and parks associated with elementary schools in Portland are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Crossing guards require no expense from the City.

Portland, Oregon City Code

16.70.230 To Obey Directions of School Traffic Patrol and Crossing Guard.

At intersections where a member of the school traffic patrol or crossing guard is stationed for the safety of school children, all pedestrians must obey the directions of such school traffic patrol member or crossing guard. It is unlawful for any pedestrian to cross at any intersection where such patrol member or crossing guard is stationed contrary to the direction of such school traffic patrol member or crossing guard.

Portland Public Schools

Administrative Directive 3.40.092-AD 9/1/2002

3.40.092AD School Traffic Patrol

The use of school traffic patrol members is optional in each school. Where school traffic patrol supervision is utilized, the following guidelines shall be followed:

- (1) **Distance from School.** Ordinarily, the maximum distance for the establishment of school supervised crossing lanes shall be five blocks from the school. Any lanes established at greater distances shall be by mutual consent of the school principal and the safety education policy officer for the school area. A continuous study should be made of all existing safety lanes by the principal and a safety education police office in order to assure that crosswalk areas or safety lane areas required for the school are adequate but not excessive. Where review of special safety problems in a school area is required, the Portland Traffic Safety Commission may be consulted;
- (2) **Qualifications of School Traffic Patrol Members.** School traffic patrol members shall be selected with regard to factors of age, maturity, responsible judgment, etc., appropriate to their respective assignments;
- (3) **Training and Location of School Traffic Patrol Members.** The point at which a school traffic patrol member shall stand when escorting students across the intersection shall be determined and marked in cooperation with the Safety Education Officer of the Portland school police bureau. Students should shall be thoroughly trained for and supervised in their activities by school personnel;
- (4) **Parent Patrols.** Where possible and desirable, the principal may arrange with parent groups for parental assistance of student traffic patrols. Where such additional supervision is undertaken, parents should be provided with adequate instruction as to their duties and responsibilities;
- (5) **Adult Crossing Guards.** Schools in which the highest grade is grade four or below may request of the Portland Traffic Safety Commission, with prior approval of the school district traffic safety liaison, an Adult Crossing Guard. In general, an Adult Guard will be placed at hazardous intersections, which are not controlled by signals or four-way stop signs and where a minimum of 15 children cross morning and afternoon, daily.

Glencoe Elementary, Portland Public Schools [Note: Glencoe is a K-5 school]

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Letter From The Principal

Glencoe families,

We have so many families who walk, bike and scooter to school, our crosswalks are busy places! Currently at Glencoe we have 3 crosswalks with student crossing-guards: 51st & Belmont, 49th & Alder and 53rd & Stark. We have another 3 crosswalks without– the one right in front of the school, and two new ones on 53rd & Belmont. We don't have enough student safety patrol kids to cover 53rd & Belmont, and the crosswalk in front of the school requires an adult crossing-guard.

We have a sign-up sheet in the front hallway for this duty or, if you are at the school and see the crosswalk unmanned, please take up the flag! As for the new crosswalks on Belmont, use them at your own risk or parents can cover those as well. Flags and vests are kept in the workroom. Thank you for helping to keep our community stay safe!

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ann Arbor Code of Ordinances

10:7. - School crossing guards.

- (1) *Designation of crossing guard intersection.* The Chief of Police, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized to designate certain intersections within the City of Ann Arbor, as crossing guard intersections. Such intersections may be serviced by a crossing guard at times set by the Chief of Police or his/her designee. In determining which intersections should be so designated, the Chief of Police, or his/her designee shall take into account the following factors: (1) the vehicle gap pattern; (2) the volume of pedestrian traffic; (3) the speed limit of the streets; (4) the availability of traffic control devices with pedestrian signals; (5) vehicle and sight distance; (6) alternate routing available; (7) the number of vehicle turning movements; (8) the age and grade of the school children using the intersection; (9) any other factors the Chief of Police or his/her designee deems important to the safety of the school children. The weight to be given each factor shall be determined by the Chief of Police or his/her designee. A list of those intersections so designated shall be on file with the City Clerk.
- (2) *Appointment.* The Chief of Police or his/her designee is hereby authorized to appoint school crossing guards to service designated crossing guard intersections.
- (3) *Duties, qualifications, removal and compensation of school crossing guards.* The Chief of Police or his/her designee shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning the duties, qualifications and removal of the school crossing guards. The crossing guards shall perform their duties under the direction of the Police Department and in compliance with said rules and regulations. School crossing guards shall have the authority to stop traffic so that school children and pedestrians can cross designated intersections.
- (4) *Badges, dress, insignia and equipment.* School crossing guards shall wear such badges, dress and insignia as the Chief of Police or his/her designee shall direct, and shall be equipped in the manner which said chief or designee deems necessary for the proper discharge of their duties.
- (5) *Unlawful exercise of authority by guards.* It shall be unlawful for any school crossing guard to exercise his/her authority as such guard or to wear the uniform or insignia or to display his/her badge in an attempt to exercise his/her authority, except during the performance of actual authorized duty.

- (6) *Impersonation of guards.* It shall be unlawful for any person not duly appointed and sworn in as a school crossing guard to impersonate such officer or to wear, carry or display the badge, designated dress or insignia of a school crossing guard.
- (7) *Duty to stop.* No driver of any vehicle shall willfully fail or refuse to obey a school crossing guard's lawful order to stop when the school crossing guard is in a school crossing and is holding a stop sign in an upright position visible to approaching vehicular traffic.

Haisley Elementary Student/Parent Handbook

8:48 Tardy Bell rings; instructional period begins
3:42 School dismissed for all grades

Getting To and From School

Crossing Guards and Safety Patrol: An adult crossing guard is employed by the City of Ann Arbor to help children who live south of Dexter Road. They should use the crosswalk at Dexter and Doty. She will be on duty during the following times:

- 8:10-8:45 AM
- 3:40-4:10 PM

Currently we have a student safety patrol on Duncan Street and School Drive. Whether we are have a Safety Patrol student posted or not, parents need to teach all students to safely cross streets with or without safety patrol coverage. Some posts may not be covered when adult safeties are ill or when weather is especially severe. Please report safety concerns promptly to the building principal.