

Adult School Crossing Guards



Traffic Engineering
Department

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DESCRIPTION:

The City of Pleasanton considers pedestrian safety to be very important. In 2007 the California Office of Traffic Safety ranked Pleasanton as number 95 out of 103 similarly sized cities for number of pedestrians injured in collisions (1 having the most and 103 having the fewest).

According to the California MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices), adult crossing guards are normally assigned where official supervision of school pedestrians is desirable while they cross a public roadway, and at least 40 school pedestrians for each of any two hours (not necessarily consecutive) daily use the crossing while going to or from school.



WHAT STANDARDS ARE USED TO DECIDE WHERE ADULT CROSSING GUARDS ARE PROVIDED?

Adult School Crossing Guards may be used under the following conditions:

1. At uncontrolled crossings where the vehicular traffic volume exceeds 350 during each of any two hours in which 40 or more school pedestrians cross daily while going to or from school.
2. At stop sign-controlled crossing where the vehicular traffic volumes exceeds 500 per hour during any period when the school pedestrians are going to or from school.
3. At traffic signal-controlled crossings where the number of vehicular turning movements through the school crosswalk exceeds 300 per hour while school pedestrians are going to or from school.



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WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR REQUESTING NEW ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS?

All requests for new adult crossing guards should be directed to the Pleasanton Police Department. They can be reached 925-931-5100.

If the Police Department staff feels that the location being requested is appropriate, the Police Department will forward the request to the City Traffic Engineer, who will arrange the data collection necessary to thoroughly study the location. The location is then reviewed by the Staff Traffic Committee. If the standards are met for placing a crossing guard, the Staff Traffic Committee forwards a request to the Police Department to budget funds to hire a new crossing guard. When the funds are budgeted the new adult crossing guard will go into operation.

Crossing guard are not assigned to a requested location if the standards for a new crossing guard are not met.

ARE ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS TRAINED?

The Police Department provides a thorough training program for all new adult crossing guards and monitors the effectiveness of all existing guards on an ongoing basis.

If you need further information please call the Traffic Engineering Department at:

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