

# CROSSING GUARDS



## School Area Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian safety is very important to the City of Lewisville. In order to protect its residents, the City provides a sidewalk system and installs traffic control devices to help children reach school as safely as possible. Adult school crossing guards are used to enhance safety where there are large concentrations of children. The City of Lewisville provides thirty two (32) school crossing guards during a two (2) hour period before and after the start of school.

## What Standards Are Used to Decide Where Adult Crossing Guards Are Needed?

Adult school crossing guards are usually assigned at locations where at least forty (40) or more school pedestrians use the crosswalk during the same two hour period and meet the following conditions:

1. At uncontrolled crossings (without stop signs or traffic signals, where there is not a controlled crossing within 900 feet), and traffic in the crosswalk exceeds 350 vehicles per hour for any two (2) hour period before and after school. This requirement may be reduced by fifty (50) percent if the speed of traffic through the crosswalk exceeds forty-five (45) mph.
2. At multi-way stop sign controlled crossings where the pedestrian crosses four (4) or more lanes and the traffic count in the crossing is over 500 vehicles per hour during any period that children are going to and from school.
3. At traffic signal-controlled crossings where:
  - a. The number of vehicles turning through the crosswalk exceeds 350 per hour during any hour that children are going to or from school.
  - b. There are circumstances not normally presented at signalized intersections, such as crosswalks more than eighty (80) feet long with no median, or a high proportion of large commercial vehicles.

## What is the Process for Requesting New Crossing Guards?

All requests for new adult crossing guards should be directed to the Lewisville Police Department by calling 972.219.3600. If the Police Department staff feel that the location being requested is appropriate, they will forward the request to the City Traffic Engineer, who will arrange the collection of the data necessary to thoroughly study the location.

If the standards are met for placing a crossing guard, the City Traffic Engineer will request the Police Department to submit the crossing guard in the City's annual budget the following spring.

If you have questions or concerns regarding traffic, please call the City Traffic Engineering section at 972.219.3703.

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