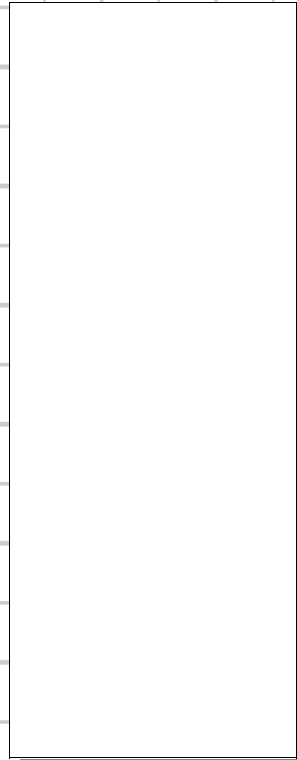


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- 2) Stop Signs and Traffic Signals
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***What You Should
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***Adult School
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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ADULT CROSSING GUARDS



School Area Pedestrian Safety

The City of Lewisville considers pedestrian safety to be very important. Studies have shown that school age pedestrians are the group at greatest risk. In order to minimize that risk, the city provides a sidewalk system and installs traffic control devices to help elementary age 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 26 school crossing guards during a 2 hour period before and after the start of school. This program is budgeted through the Lewisville Police Department at a cost of \$107,016 per year. The City has developed standards to determine the need for crossing guards to maximize the benefit to pedestrians and enhance the safety of children in school areas.



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

Adult school crossing guards are usually assigned at locations where there are at least 40 elementary school pedestrians using the crossing and where the crossing meets the following conditions:

- 1) At uncontrolled crossings (without stop signs or traffic signals where there is not a controlled crossing within 600 feet and:
 - Traffic in the crosswalk exceed 350 vehicles per hour for any two hour period (not necessarily consecutive hours) before and after school. This requirement may be reduced 50% if the speed of traffic through the crosswalk exceeds 45 mph.
 - At least 40 or more school pedestrians use the crosswalk during the same two hour period.
- 2) At stop sign-controlled crossings where the pedestrian crosses four or more lanes and the traffic count in the crossing is over 500 vehicles per hour during any period that school age children are going to and from school.
- 3) At traffic signal-controlled crossings where:
 - the number of vehicle turning movements through the crosswalk exceeds 350 per hour during any hour that school age children are going to or from school.
 - at least 40 or more school pedestrians use the crosswalk during the same two hour period.
 - there are circumstances not normally presented at signalized intersections, such as crosswalks more than 80 feet long with no refuge island, or an abnormally high proportion of large commercial vehicles.

What is the Process for Requesting New Adult 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, the Department 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 to the Police Department to submit the crossing guard in the City's annual budget the following Spring.

Addressing Citizen Concerns

We take our role in solving traffic problems seriously, yet the ultimate burden of safety rests on the citizens of Lewisville. Because we receive over 350 citizen requests per year, we appreciate your patience and understanding in processing your request. If you have questions or suggestions concerning traffic, please call the City Traffic Engineer at (972) 219-3699.



For Additional Information
See Traffic Brochure #5 on
Marked Crosswalks