Crossing Guards

The safety of students traveling to and from school is a concern shared by parents, citizens, law enforcement officials, the district and students themselves. In keeping with the responsibility for supervision of a safety program at their school, principals may appoint volunteer adult crossing guards according to the following factors:

1. Volume of traffic during hours of student use
2. Speed of vehicles during hours of student use
3. Number of students using crossing
4. Width of the roadway
5. Number of through traffic lanes
6. Number of traffic lanes turning through crossing
7. Existing traffic control devices
8. Lack of sidewalks or conditions which require students to walk close to traffic
9. Crossing of railroad tracks
10. Restricted visibility
11. Accident rate at crossing
12. Any other factors which substantially impact safety

If a principal concludes that there is a need for adult crossing guards and no volunteers are forthcoming, the principal will recommend to the superintendent that provisions be made in the budget for hiring adult crossing guards. The recommendation will specify the number of guards needed, the location of guards, work hours, wages and benefits.

In addition to district funding, the district will seek grants and partnerships with other organizations to fund the crossing guard positions.

Upon hiring or appointing adult crossing guards, the district will work with local law enforcement officials and other safety organizations to train and supervise the guards. All guards will complete a mandatory training program prior to undertaking any guard duties.

Each principal will continue to encourage parents and guardians to take all measures to ensure the safety of their children, including escorting them to and from school.

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CROSS REFS.:   EB, Environmental and Safety Program

LEGAL REF.:   CRS 13-21-115.6 (school district and guard are immune from civil
liability for negligence as long as guard is acting within scope of
official duties)
CRS 24-10-106

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