

School Zone and Crossing Guards

What does it mean when a school zone sign states a certain speed limit WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT? What determines this? Such as summer months, child in the distance, is there a time frame? Many of the older school speed limit signs which read such things as 15 MPH from 7AM to 4PM are now being replaced to signs that read WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT. This means that the driver needs to adjust their speed to the limit written on the sign when there is a child outside the fenced perimeter of the school. It is also recommended that drivers show extra caution when driving around schools between the hours of 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM. (See 484B.060, 484B.063 & 484B.363)

How are school crossing sites marked and why are these markings not consistent from site to site?

The City conducts traffic studies around the various schools. Elementary schools typically have more signage and crossing guards in evidence based on the age of the children. (See NRS 484B.367)

How are crossing guards trained? These individuals initially go through an extensive background check and then enter training that utilizes state certified training plans. Training duration consists of three full days of classroom training and two days of field training with a certified state trainer.

When in a school zone, are drivers allowed to just stop and drop off their children wherever?

No, drivers must follow the established traffic laws and should pull to the unmarked or white curb before discharging passengers. Drivers should not block crosswalks or driveways. (See NRS 484B.450 & 484B.487)