



Village of Downers Grove

Official Village Policy Approved by Village Council

Description:	School Pedestrian Safety	
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	Description of Previous Policy (if different from above):	

RESOLUTION 95-13

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CERTAIN SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY POLICIES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Downers Grove has determined that it is necessary and desirable to establish certain policies relative to the establishment of school pedestrian safety measures in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the Village's role in protecting the public health and safety and the health and safety of its school children, even though the sole responsibility for the safety of those children rests with the parents of those children; and

WHEREAS, the Village has finite monetary resources that must be fairly allocated amongst all of the various programs and obligations of the Village in its role as government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove as follows:

1. That it is the policy of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove that priorities be set through a system of warrants and criteria for placement of school crosswalks, guards, signals and sidewalks, so that the Village might allocate the available resources most advantageously with reference to these priorities.
2. That these priorities, warrants and criteria are hereby established as follows:
 - (a) The placement of a school crossing in a location traveled by school pedestrians in Kindergarten through 8th Grade shall be of first priority, and may be authorized by the Village Manager upon the recommendation of the Parking and Traffic Commission and if the location of the crosswalk meets the requirements of the "School Crosswalk Formula" attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
 - (b) The placement of a school crossing guard at a crossing traveled by school pedestrians in Kindergarten through 8th Grade shall be of second priority, and may be authorized

by the Village Manager upon the recommendation of the Parking and Traffic Commission and if the location of the guard meets the requirements of the "School Crossing Guard Formula" attached hereto as Exhibits "B" and "C".

(c) That placement of a traffic signal or a sidewalk or both at a crossing traveled by school pedestrians in Kindergarten through 8th Grade shall be of third priority and may be authorized by the Village Manager upon the recommendation of the Parking and Traffic Commission and if the location of the signals or sidewalks or both meet the requirements of the "Signal and Sidewalk Formula" attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

(d) That any school pedestrian safety measure to be employed at any location or in any situation, not covered or warranted by any of the formulas, as above, shall be of fourth and last priority and may be authorized by the Village Manager if the location and type of safety measure is recommended to him by the Parking and Traffic Commission, upon their finding that there exists a special and unique hazard that requires immediate attention by the Village, and the Manager concurs in that finding.

3. That the Parking and Traffic Commission shall receive and hear all requests for school crossings, guards, signals and sidewalks applicable to crossings traveled by school pedestrians, shall apply the foregoing warrants and criteria and make recommendations to the Manager. The Manager shall consider the priorities established herein, and he may allocate currently budgeted and available funds and approve or forward to the Village Council for approval those recommendations on the basis of the currently available resources of the Village, the alternatives open to the Village, and the cost effectiveness of the recommended school pedestrian safety measure.

4. That the Parking and Traffic Commission of the Village shall annually at some time during the summer months devise or revise and approve an Approved School Route Plan for pedestrians, taking into consideration any recommendations of the School District and concerned citizens; shall use the Plan as a basis for review of the use and placement of school pedestrian safety measures in the Village for the coming school year and as a result of that review, shall make appropriate recommendations to the Manager.

5. That a school pedestrian safety measure of substantial benefit to non-residents of the Village may be authorized by the Manager, as aforesaid, provided the Manager first determines that the availability and necessity of cost sharing with other local governments is such as to warrant establishment of that school pedestrian safety measure.

6. That in the event it becomes necessary or desirable that the Village designate a representative to any committee or organization concerned with school pedestrian safety, the Manager shall appoint said representative who shall be a member of the Parking and Traffic Commission and recommended by the Chairman of the Parking and Traffic Commission.

7. That the validity of any ordinance or resolution or any school pedestrian safety measure otherwise established in accordance with applicable law shall not be invalidated, impaired or otherwise affected by noncompliance with any part of the procedures, priorities, warrants or criteria set forth herein.

8. That this policy does not create, impose or mandate any duty or obligation on the part of the Village, its officers, agents and employees, respecting any decisions, action or failure to decide or act, related to the establishment, installation, construction, repair, maintenance, removal or modification of any school pedestrian safety facility. It is the intent of this policy to set forth general guidelines to guide, but not mandate, the matters set forth herein. This policy imposes no duties or obligations and the existence or modification of, or the adherence or failure to adhere to, this policy will in no way be the basis for or give rise to any claim, liability or action whatsoever against the Village, its officers, agents and employees.

9. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

10. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval in accordance with applicable law.

Betty M. Cheever, Mayor

Passed: April 17, 1995

Attest: Barbara Waldner, Village Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

"SCHOOL CROSSWALK FORMULA"

School Crossings consisting of painted crosswalks and school crossing signs, may be authorized by the Village only if each of the following requirements is met:

1. The location of the proposed school crossing shall be on an Approved School Route (as indicated on the Approved School Route Plan as annually revised and approved by the Parking and Traffic Commission); and
2. The proposed school crossing shall quality as safe*.

*For purposes of this Formula a crossing is safe when the following prerequisites are met:

- A. It is visible at a distance which is more than the braking distance at the 85 percentile speed of the highway (not applicable for protected crossings.)
- B. It does not encourage the pedestrian use of streets whose volume is in excess of 2,000 vehicles per day except when a traffic control device is located at the crossing to protect the pedestrian movement.
- C. It does not span Ogden Avenue.
- D. It does not span a four-lane highway with an 85 percentile speed over 35 MPH.

For crossings to be used only by school pedestrians in Grades 7 and 8, prerequisites C. and D. above do not apply.

EXHIBIT "D"

"SIGNAL AND SIDEWALK FORMULA"

A signal or sidewalk or both may be authorized by the Village for school pedestrian safety purposes only if each of the following requirements is met:

1. A school crosswalk is proposed as necessary for a location that does not qualify as safe*; and
2. The proposed school crosswalk would be on an Approved School Route if the crossing did quality as safe; and

3. The State of Illinois warrants are met in the case of signals; and
4. The students who would use this Approved School Route are not and will not be bused in the foreseeable future; and
5. The busing of these students is clearly not cost beneficial when compare to other alternatives; and
6. The Village has access to available funds sufficient to cover the cost of installation of signals, sidewalks or both.

*See the definition of safe on the "School Crosswalk Formula" set out in Exhibit "A".