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CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL ZONES

School zones protect children traveling near schools. Clark County Public Works has a policy for consistent application of traffic control devices within school zones. Clark County's School Zone Traffic Control Policy incorporates national guidance from the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" and changes or modifications specific to Washington state.



Clark County's School Zone Traffic Control

Policy outlines how Clark County approaches all aspects of safety in and near school zones. School officials, developers and community members may be interested in the specifics contained in the policy, which is **available at:** www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/traffic.

The policy provides guidance on a number of topics, including:

- Establishing reduced school speed zones
- Using appropriate traffic control in school zones, including signs, beacons, pavement striping and lighting
- Locating school crosswalks and using school crossing guards
- Developing School Walk Route plans
- Defining roles and responsibilities of Clark County and school districts

Reduced speed zones are critical to protecting children, crossing the street, while walking to and from school. Studies indicate that nine out of 10 pedestrians will survive if struck by a vehicle traveling 20 mph or less, but only one in 10 pedestrians will survive if struck by a vehicle traveling 40 mph.

School warning signs alert drivers approaching a reduced school speed zone. School signs typically have a fluorescent yellow-green background with black symbols, letters and borders.

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