



City of Rancho Cucamonga CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM

How it all works...

1 Policy

Resolution 2021-013 approved at the March 3, 2021 City Council meeting.

2 Traffic Safety Fund

Vehicle code fines are used to fund the City's Crossing Guard Program.

3 Warrant Studies

A study that informs the level of need for crossing guard services. Occurs every year in the Fall.

4 Annual Recommendations

Shared with school districts and approved by City Council each year.

Policy Highlights

- ★ The City has an established Crossing Guard Program that utilizes the City's Traffic Safety Fund and General Fund.
- ★ The City's long-time program uses the guidance set in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices to inform the locations it recommends for funding.
- ★ Crossing guards service provisions do not solely lie within the jurisdiction of the City. School Districts can provide services per Education Code Section 45450.
- ★ Each year, a "warrant study" shall be conducted to evaluate locations currently being served and locations identified through District and City discussions.
- ★ Each year the City works with all School Districts to inform them of City funded locations and encourages Districts to evaluate school crossing locations that are not recommended for provision of services by the City.

How does a Warrant Study work?

- ★ Studies have historically been completed every two years. However, our new Policy allows for studies to be completed annually.
- ★ The main study is completed in the Fall, with additional follow-up studies completed in the Spring for locations that need to be re-studied and verified.
- ★ Warrant studies are widely used as a strategy to determine need for services.
- ★ Studies take into consideration multiple factors, including but not limited to:
 - Volume of vehicles and pedestrians
 - Speed limits
 - Type of intersection control

How many crossing guards are funded?

- ★ Each year, the City funds crossing guard locations that meet or exceed California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices warrant guidance.
- ★ As of Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the City funds 23 "fully warranted" school crossing locations:
 - Alta Loma: 3
 - Cucamonga: 2
 - Central: 5
 - Etiwanda: 13
- ★ School Districts have the option to directly provide crossing guard services at locations that have not been included in the City's program.

Why aren't all school crosswalk locations recommended for services?

- ★ There are 31 Elementary and Middle Schools in Rancho Cucamonga, each with multiple crosswalks.
- ★ The revenue generated from vehicle code fines is limited; program costs are supplemented with General Fund dollars. Our Policy helps guide responsible spending of funds.
- ★ While the City provides services for a limited number of locations, School Districts also have the option to provide services at non-City funded locations.

Next Steps...



Have more questions? Reach out to our Traffic Team

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Field Assessments by
Traffic Staff

Fall
Warrant Studies

Spring
Warrant Re-Evaluation

Recommendation for
Next School Year

FAQ

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING CROSSING GUARDS?

- While there is no law that requires crossing guard services to be provided by any agency, the City and School District work in partnership each year to understand needs and provide services accordingly.

HOW DO I REQUEST A LOCATION BE IMMEDIATELY STAFFED?

- The City's program staffs guards based on warrant studies that are evaluated on an annual basis to properly budget for the program each year. Warrant Studies are completed in the Fall of 2023 and will inform locations for the next school year.
- If you would like to request a guard be placed at a location immediately, your School District has the option to provide these services.

HOW DO I REQUEST A LOCATION TO BE STUDIED?

- The City and School District meet regularly to discuss various topics including crossing guards. If you believe a location should be studied in the Fall for the next school year, please inform your District Office so that they can bring these locations to the attention of City staff.

WHY ARE LOCATIONS SOMETIMES REMOVED?

- Because warrant studies take into consideration multiple factors, there is a possibility that locations warranted in the past may not be warranted in the future. Changes in school attendance, traffic patterns, speed limits, pedestrian and vehicle volumes, among other factors may result in a change in warrant.

WHAT OTHER TRAFFIC SAFETY OPTIONS ARE THERE?

- Crossing guards are one tool in the traffic safety toolbox. Other strategies include additional signage, implementing volunteer programs to encourage safe driving habits at drop-off and pick-up, encouraging carpooling, adjusting or limiting vehicle movement patterns to improve traffic flow and reduce conflicts.
- The City also has a **Safe Routes to School Program** that offers communication materials (flyers, posters, banners, social media posts, etc) as well as equipment that can be requested and/or borrowed (t-shirts, safety vests, educational equipment). If you are interested in learning how to start a program at your school, please visit our webpage at www.cityofrc.us/healthy-rc/safe-routes-school or email srts@CityofRC.us.