



CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

750 LAKESIDE DRIVE SE-EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506

Policy and Guidelines for the Use of In-Street Signs in School Areas

A. Purpose & Objective:

The purpose of this policy is to allow the usage of and give guidance for the installation of In-Street Pedestrian School Crossing Signs (R1-6b) in accordance with the Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD). The In-Street Pedestrian School Crossing Signs (R1-6b) may be used to remind traveling motorists of the Michigan Uniform Traffic Code (adopted by the City of East Grands under Chapter 101 Title X Section 10.5 and 10.6) whereby:

R 28.1702 Rule 702. Pedestrians; right-of-way in crosswalk; violation as civil infraction.

(1) When traffic-control signals are not in place or are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger, but a pedestrian shall not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into a path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

(2) A person who violates this rule is responsible for a civil infraction.

It should be noted that studies show that excessive use of signs and pavement markings can substantially reduce the effectiveness of such devices. Therefore, a consistent application of this policy will serve both motorists and pedestrians in the City.

B. Conditions for Use/Placement:

In-Street Pedestrian School Crossing Signs (R1-6b) shall be considered for use under the following criteria:

1. The signs shall not be used on approaches controlled by stop signs, yield signs or traffic control signals.
2. The signs shall only be used at existing designated school crossings to supplement permanent ground mounted school crossing signs (S1-1 with W16-7P) at the following locations:
 - Lake Drive and Bagley Avenue (East Grand Rapids High School)
 - Lake Drive and Kenesaw Drive (East Grand Rapids Middle School)
 - Lake Drive and Lovett Avenue (Wealthy Elementary School)
 - Wealthy Street between Edgemere Drive and Greenwood Avenue (Wealthy Elementary School)
 - Hall Street west of Breton Road (Lakeside Elementary School)
 - Breton Road and Berwyk Road (Breton Downs Elementary School)
 - Franklin Street and Gladstone Drive (St. Stephen School)
3. The signs shall be used in accordance with the EGRPS school schedule and as is practical

during winter months due to safety issues with respect to snow accumulation and snow removal operations.

4. Signs will only be placed prior to peak school crossing times by certified/trained school crossing guards in accordance with the crossing guard schedule who are assigned to or nearby approved locations. Signs will be removed immediately after those individual peak crossing times or as practical for use.

C. Technical Requirements:

1. The installation shall not interfere with the visibility and general effectiveness of any other signs in the area.
2. Only one sign structure shall be used per approach at the designated marked crosswalks.
3. All elements of the In-Street Pedestrian School Crossing Signs (R1-6b) shall conform to the guidance and standards as outlined in the latest edition of the MMUTCD.

D. Removal of Signs:

In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Signs (R1-6b) may be moved or removed when the following conditions exist:

1. Street redesign warrants crosswalk location changes.
2. School building use, location or redesign changes.

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