
City of Raleigh Crossing Guard Program

Quick Facts

- 44 Elementary Schools currently within city limits that have school zones.
- 12 Middle Schools currently within city limits that have schools zones.
- Each crossing guard costs about \$6700 which includes training, uniforms, salary, etc.
- The City currently has about 28 crossing guards, as they are continuing to hire for new locations.

Previous Crossing Guard Survey Criteria

- Points are given in each criteria for AM and PM Counts.
- Max total points could equal 200 with AM and PM Counts combined.
- Minimum score needed for a crossing guard is 100 pts. (combined AM and PM).

Previous Crossing Guard Survey Criteria

- Volumes
 - Vehicular Volume
 - Number of Pedestrians
 - Pedestrians X Vehicular Volume
 - Acceptable Gaps Per Hour
- Pedestrian Age
- Speed Limit
- Sight Distance

Other Jurisdictions

- Staff contacted 8 of the larger cities in North Carolina to see how crossing guards are handled.
- Greensboro and Charlotte were the only two jurisdictions that had a formal policy.

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- Charlotte has a quasi-program. Staff makes a site visit and conducts an informal count. If they witness a minimum of five students crossing a road, the City will fund a crossing guard.
- Greensboro has an official policy/program. Greensboro's policy is fairly robust and was previously adopted as Raleigh's methodology for recommending a crossing guard.

Current Policy

- City Council recently approved a simplified policy of one crossing guard per middle or elementary school. The crossing guard budget grew from around \$180,000 last year to around \$400,000.