
SCHOOL ZONE SIGNAGE

The City of Nanaimo has developed guidelines for the installation of school area signs and reduced speed zones (30 km/h) for school areas.

This guideline was created to standardize the signage that drivers should expect to see at all schools throughout the City. The basic underlying principle upon which these guidelines were based was the need for "uniform, appropriate and reasonable" signage to improve the overall safety on roads adjacent to schools.

Previously, many schools across Nanaimo with similar traffic conditions had different combinations and types of signs posted at each location. This lack of consistency created confusion and frustration for drivers and concerned parents, making enforcement difficult.

GUIDELINES

The guidelines are applied to any given school as follows:

Where a school abuts a roadway, it is desirable to provide a warning to motorists that they are approaching a school location and caution should be exercised when proceeding through the area. The school area sign is the most appropriate and effective sign to identify this special condition. Therefore:

A) School Area (Florescent Yellow) signs should be installed on all roads abutting school property.



Reduced speed zones (30 km/h) are posted on all School Area Signs located at elementary schools. This type of signage

is in place to slow motorists driving in the area close to a school allowing more time to react if a child ventures onto the road. Therefore:

B) Reduced speed zones (30 km/h) should be installed with all School Area Zones at elementary schools.



High schools will be posted with School Area Signs only. Reduced speed zones at high schools are not considered to be reasonable to enforce nor do they provide a safety feature, since high school students are old enough to be responsible for their actions and stay off of the travel portion of the road.

School Area Zones with reduced speed zones are in effect on days that school is in session only, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

When entering a School Area Zone with a reduced speed zone (30 km/h) you must be travelling at a speed of 30 km/h by the time you pass the posted signs. The Speed Zone and School Zone end, allowing you to increase your speed to 50 km/h unless otherwise posted, when you pass the sign to begin the zone for oncoming traffic.



**Other Traffic Information
Brochures Available:**

- Marked Crosswalks
- Pedestrian Indicators
- Stop Signs and Traffic Signals

If you have questions, requests or suggestions concerning traffic, please call the Engineering Department at 250-755-4409.

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