

SCHOOL ADVANCE WARNING

signs are placed in advance of school buildings or school grounds, and may be placed in advance of established school crossings not adjacent to a school ground. These signs are intended to remind motorists that a school is nearby and to drive appropriately. Appropriate driving includes slowing, being prepared to stop for pedestrians, stopping as directed by crossing guards, and yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks. Although children may be concentrated near and around a school, children and other pedestrians can be found on every neighborhood street, and hence similar driving practices should be followed throughout the city.



SCHOOL CROSSING

signs are located at established crossings used by school children. These may be located at an intersection and often at amid-block crosswalk.



SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT

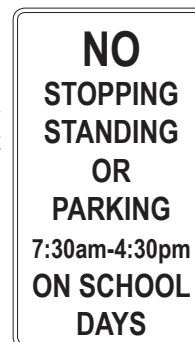
signs are used to establish speed zones near schools which may not be directly adjacent to the school property, or which may have a different speed limit than the standard 15 mph set by state statute.



Unless posted otherwise, as shown above, the speed limit on a street adjacent to a school is set by state statute at 15 mph. This limit applies when children are going to or from school or are playing within the sidewalk area, or at an intersection marked with a **SCHOOL CROSSING** sign. The **SCHOOL ADVANCE WARNING** sign also identifies an area where the school zone speed limit is in effect provided children are present. Many schools in Madison have **SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT 20** signs on the busier streets, but have only **SCHOOL ADVANCE WARNING** signs on adjacent residential streets.

NO STOPPING OR PARKING

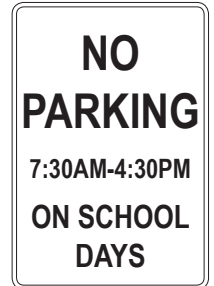
and related signs are used where it is illegal to stop or leave standing any vehicle. The only vehicles exempted from this



restriction are buses, and hence these signs are used in areas intended for school bus and other school contracted carrier (taxis, day care vans) use only. **In these areas, you may not drop a child off, pick a child up, wait in your car, or park your car.**

NO PARKING ON SCHOOL DAYS

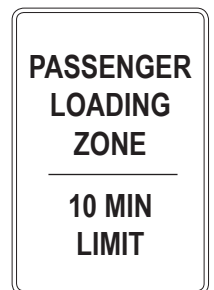
and related signs indicate areas where motorists may stop and discharge passengers, but may not leave the vehicle unattended. These



signs are used in areas intended for motorists to use to drop off or pick up passengers. **In these areas, you may drop a child off and pick a child up, however you must remain with your car.**

PASSENGER LOADING ZONE

signs are used both near schools and other areas intended for motorists to use to drop off or pickup passengers within the time limit listed. **In these areas,**



you may drop a child off and pick a child up. You may wait in your car for no longer than the time limit shown on the sign.

PARKING NEAR SCHOOLS

The City of Madison Traffic Engineering Division frequently receives requests from parents, neighbors, and school officials concerned about children's safety near schools. Traffic signs around school property are placed to direct motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and provide separate spaces for motorists and buses to drop children off at the school.

THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN

It is important that motorists drive responsibly, whether in a school zone or not. Although children may be concentrated near and around a school, every street in every neighborhood at some time has children and other pedestrians using the street and sidewalks. Appropriate driving includes slowing and being prepared to stop for pedestrians, stopping as directed by crossing guards, and yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks. Whenever possible, children are encouraged to take the bus or walk to school to reduce congestion and traffic hazards near school grounds.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Call the Traffic Engineering Division at 266-4761 or e-mail traffic@cityofmadison.com with traffic related questions or comments.

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