TRAFFIC LAWS REGARDING CROSSWALKS

Regional School Crossing Guard Training Workshop
CROSSWALKS

A.R.S. 28-792

- Unmarked and marked white crosswalks.
- Pedestrians must yield to vehicles before entering the roadway.
- Motorists must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk only if in their half of the roadway.
- Motorists may not pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk
SCHOOL CROSSINGS
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- Yellow crosswalks with portable signs that read:
  - Motorists must stop for ALL pedestrians (not just children) in any part of the yellow crosswalk.
  - 15 mph speed limit applies when portable signs in street.
  - Treated as a standard crosswalk when portable signs are not in the street.

and

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OPERATING AGREEMENTS

- Allows school to use portable signs
- Gives times portable signs are in the street
- States if a crossing guard is required or not
15 MPH ZONE
A.R.S. 28-797 F & H

15 mph speed limit is only in effect from the first NO PASSING - 15 MPH portable sign to the marked yellow crosswalk.
PASSING IN A SCHOOL CROSSING

A.R.S. 28-644 A1

Unless otherwise directed by a traffic or police officer and subject to the exemptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in this chapter, the driver of a vehicle shall:

1. Obey the instructions of an official traffic control device applicable to the driver that is placed in accordance with this chapter.

Passing – when one vehicle overtakes the front bumper of another vehicle
28-793. Crossing at other than crosswalk

A. A pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.

B. A pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.

C. Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.
FINES DOUBLE

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- Doubled fines vary, but range from $125 to $500

- The NO PASSING – 15 MPH portable signs must say “FINES DOUBLE” for the double fines to apply.
CROSSING GUARDS ARE NOT POLICE OFFICERS

Crossing Guards are NOT to:

- Direct Traffic
- Enforce the law
- Wave vehicles through crosswalk
- Stop vehicles to allow other cars or buses to make turns, etc.
- Stand in the roadway
- Force vehicles to stop abruptly
VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW

Crossing guards must focus on crossing students and keeping them safe.

This is more important than getting a license plate number for a violating vehicle.
Contact local police department if special enforcement is needed.

- Give as much detail as possible regarding when violations occur and if there are any “regular offenders”
REVIEW

When do motorists have to yield at:

- White crosswalks
- Yellow crosswalks with portable signs in the street
- Yellow crosswalks without portable signs in street