

**41-6a-303 Definition of reduced speed school zone -- Operation of warning lights -- School crossing guard requirements -- Responsibility provisions -- Rulemaking authority.**

- (1) As used in this section "reduced speed school zone" means a designated length of a highway extending from a school zone speed limit sign with warning lights operating to an end school zone sign.
- (2) The Department of Transportation for state highways and local highway authorities for highways under their jurisdiction:
  - (a) shall establish reduced speed school zones at elementary schools after written assurance by a local highway authority that the local highway authority complies with Subsections (3) and (4); and
  - (b) may establish reduced speed school zones for secondary schools at the request of the local highway authority.
- (3) For all reduced speed school zones on highways, including state highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of a local highway authority, the local highway authority shall:
  - (a)
    - (i) provide shuttle service across highways for school children; or
    - (ii) provide, train, and supervise school crossing guards in accordance with this section;
  - (b) provide for the:
    - (i) operation of reduced speed school zones, including providing power to warning lights and turning on and off the warning lights as required under Subsections (4) and (5); and
    - (ii) maintenance of reduced speed school zones except on state highways as provided in Section 41-6a-302; and
  - (c) notify the Department of Transportation of reduced speed school zones on state highways that are in need of maintenance.
- (4) While children are going to or leaving school during opening and closing hours all reduced speed school zones shall have:
  - (a) the warning lights operating on each school zone speed limit sign; and
  - (b) a school crossing guard present if the reduced speed school zone is for an elementary school.
- (5) The warning lights on a school zone speed limit sign may not be operating except as provided under Subsection (4).
- (6)
  - (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the Department of Transportation shall make rules establishing criteria and specifications for the:
    - (i) establishment, location, and operation of school crosswalks, school zones, and reduced speed school zones;
    - (ii) training, use, and supervision of school crossing guards at elementary schools and secondary schools; and
    - (iii) content and implementation of child access routing plans under Section 53A-3-402.
  - (b) If a school crosswalk is established at a signalized intersection in accordance with the requirements of this section, a local highway authority may reduce the speed limit at the signalized intersection to 20 miles per hour for a highway under its jurisdiction.
- (7) Each local highway authority shall pay for providing, training, and supervising school crossing guards in accordance with this section.

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