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Description: This document shows the changes from 2009 MUTCD text, including Revision 1, 2, and 3, made for the 11th Edition of the MUTCD. Some parts of 11th Edition include reorganization of 2009 MUTCD material. Users of this document should refer to the Federal Register and the supplemental table of changes posted in the Federal Register docket for the MUTCD 11th Edition Final Rule to obtain information on reorganized and relocated text from the 2009 MUTCD for the 11th Edition, as well as other changes.

The Final Rule for the MUTCD 11th Edition provides general information about significant change to the MUTCD. A supplementary table of changes is included in the Final Rule docket to provide information on changes not explicitly detailed in the Final Rule by means of a comparison between the Federal Register description of changes listed in the Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA) for the 11th Edition issued on December 14, 2020, and the disposition of comments received in response to that Notice. Practitioners will find the supplemental table of changes helpful in determining how proposed text in the NPA was either incorporated or changed to establish the MUTCD 11th Edition.

In this comparison document, new text or newly relocated text for the 11th Edition is shown in [blue underline](#) and 2009 MUTCD text that has been removed or moved to another Section of the MUTCD is shown in ~~red strikethrough~~.

Additionally, Part 5 is omitted from this comparison document as this Part is completely new material in the 11th Edition. Relevant provisions from the previous version of Part 5, Low Volume Roads, have been moved to other Parts of the 11th Edition and shown in [blue underline](#), as appropriate, or removed completely as appropriate. See supplemental tables of changes for more information on text changes.

Finally, this document is only provided by FHWA to help practitioners quickly identify changes incorporated into the 11th Edition of the MUTCD. Though every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this document, there may be unintentional differences between the text shown in this document and the text of the official version of the 11th Edition MUTCD. The official version is located at: <https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/>.

1 **CHAPTER 7D. CROSSING SUPERVISION**

2 **~~Section 7D.01~~ Types of Crossing Supervision**

3 **~~Section 7D.02~~ Adult Crossing Guards**

4 **~~Section 7D.03~~ 7D.01 Qualifications of Adult Crossing Guards**

5 Option:

6 Adult crossing guards may be used to provide gaps in traffic at school crossings where an engineering
7 study has shown that adequate gaps need to be created (~~see Section 7A.03~~), and where authorized by law.

8 Support:

9 Adult crossing guards can also add conspicuity at the crossing where children, who are typically
10 smaller in stature, might not be as visible.

11 High standards for selection of adult crossing guards are essential because they are responsible for the
12 safety of and the efficient crossing of the street by schoolchildren within and in the immediate vicinity of
13 school crosswalks.

14 *Guidance:*

15 *Jurisdictions should have policies and procedures for the qualifications, selection, and training of*
16 *adult crossing guards.*

17 *Adult crossing guards should possess the following minimum qualifications:*

18 *A.—Average intelligence;*

19 *B.—Good physical condition, including sight, hearing, and ability to move and maneuver quickly in*
20 *order to avoid danger from errant vehicles;*

21 *C.—Ability to control a STOP paddle effectively to provide approaching road users with a clear, fully*
22 *direct view of the paddle's STOP message during the entire crossing movement;*

23 *D.—Ability to communicate specific instructions clearly, firmly, and courteously;*

24 *E.—Ability to recognize potentially dangerous traffic situations and warn and manage students in*
25 *sufficient time to avoid injury.*

26 *F.—Mental alertness;*

27 *G.—Neat appearance;*

28 *H.—Good character;*

29 *I.—Dependability; and*

30 *J.—An overall sense of responsibility for the safety of students.*

31 **~~Section 7D.04~~ Uniform of Adult Crossing Guards**

32 **~~Section 7D.05~~ 7D.02 Operating Procedures for Adult Crossing Guards**

33 **Standard:**

34 Law enforcement officers performing school crossing supervision and adult crossing guards
35 shall wear high-visibility retroreflective safety apparel labeled as ANSI 107-~~2004~~-2020 standard
36 performance for Class 2, Type R, as described in Section ~~6E.02~~6C.05.

37 Adult crossing guards shall not direct traffic in the usual law enforcement regulatory sense. In
38 the control of traffic, they shall pick opportune times to create a sufficient gap in the traffic flow.
39 At these times, they shall stand in the roadway to indicate that pedestrians are about to use or are
40 using the crosswalk, and that all vehicular traffic must stop.

41 Adult crossing guards shall use a STOP paddle. The STOP paddle shall be the primary hand-
42 signaling device.

43 The STOP paddle shall comply with the provisions for a STOP/SLOW paddle (see Section
44 6D.02) except both sides shall be a STOP face.

1 ~~The STOP (R1-1) paddle shall be an octagonal shape. The background of the STOP face shall~~
2 ~~be red with at least 6-inch series upper case white letters and border. The paddle shall be at least~~
3 ~~18 inches in size and have the word message STOP on both sides.~~

4 The paddle shall be ~~retroreflectorized~~ retroreflective or illuminated when used during hours of
5 darkness.

6 **Option:**

7 The STOP paddle may be modified to improve conspicuity by incorporating white or red flashing
8 lights on both sides of the paddle. Among the types of flashing lights that may be used are individual
9 LEDs or groups of LEDs.

10 The white or red flashing lights or LEDs may be arranged in any of the following patterns:

11 A. Two white or red lights centered vertically above and below the STOP legend;

12 B. Two white or red lights centered horizontally on each side of the STOP legend;

13 C. One white or red light centered below the STOP legend;

14 D. A series of eight or more small white or red lights having a diameter of 1/4 inch or less along the
15 outer edge of the paddle, arranged in an octagonal pattern at the eight corners of the STOP paddle
16 (more than eight lights may be used only if the arrangement of the lights is such that it clearly
17 conveys the octagonal shape of the STOP paddle); or

18 E. A series of white lights forming the shapes of the letters in the legend.

19 **Standard:**

20 If flashing lights are used on the STOP paddle, the flash rate shall be at least 50, but no more
21 than 60, flash periods per minute.