

# New Jersey Crossing Guard Equipment

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Safety Vest  
STOP Paddle  
Municipal ID



## BEST PRACTICE

Hat with Brim  
Whistle  
3-in-1 Jacket  
Sturdy Shoes



## USEFUL EQUIPMENT

Reflective Gloves  
LED Stop Paddle  
Stop and Stay  
Stopped Sign  
Orange Cones



## NEVER

Umbrella  
Headphones  
Open-Toed Shoes  
Sitting



### N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.3 Uniform provided to adult school crossing guard

Crossing guard shall be provided with a uniform which shall identify his/her function and which shall be distinct from the uniform of a member of the regular police department or force.

Such uniform shall include but not be limited to:

- Safety vest, worn over all other clothing. This vest shall be high-visibility retroreflective safety apparel
- Hat, and
- Breast and hat badges which shall bear an identification number and the name of the municipality in which the crossing guard is employed.

Although the law requires breast and hat badges, departments are using other forms of identification such as lanyards, clip badges, or patches. Badges help to identify the crossing guard as an official employee of the municipal police department.

### N.J.S.A. 39:4-36 Driver to yield to pedestrians, exceptions; violations, penalties

The driver of a vehicle must stop and stay stopped for a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk, but shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except at crosswalks when the movement of traffic is being regulated by police officers or traffic control signals, or where otherwise prohibited by municipal, county, or State regulation. (Additional exceptions.)



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### Section 6E.02 High-Visibility Safety Apparel

Standard:

01 Law enforcement officers performing school crossing supervision and adult crossing guards shall wear high-visibility retroreflective safety apparel labeled as **ANSI 107-2004** standard.

### Section 7D.05 Operating Procedures for Adult Crossing Guards

Standard:

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

03 The STOP (R1-1) paddle shall be an octagonal shape. The background of the STOP face shall be red with at least 6-inch series upper-case white letters and border. The paddle shall be at least 18 inches in size and have the word message STOP on both sides. The paddle shall be retroreflectorized or illuminated when used during hours of darkness.

Standard:

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



Source: Federal Highway Administration

[www.njcrossingguards.org](http://www.njcrossingguards.org)

Visit the NJ Safe Routes to School Resource Center website at [www.njcrossingguards.org](http://www.njcrossingguards.org) to find out about crossing guard supervisor training classes, crossing guard training materials, model policies, Crosswalk Heroes training video and other important information and resources.



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