

STATION 9: Crossing the Street with a Crossing Guard

Recommended Age Group: Kindergarten - Grade 3

Mode: Walking

Learning Objective

Participants will learn how to properly cross the street with a school crossing guard.

- When to start crossing.
- When not to start crossing.
- What to do when there is no crossing guard on duty.

Planning for this Station

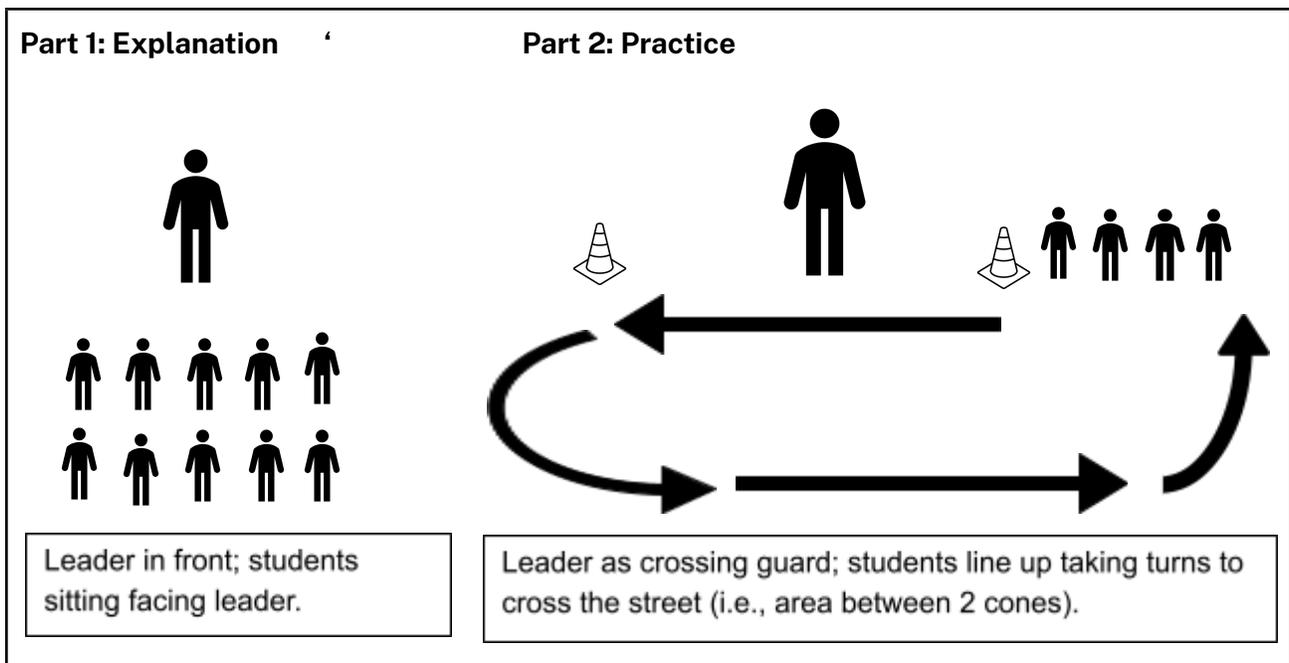
Time: 10 minutes

Recommended # of students per group: 10

Equipment: Reflective vest, stop sign (template on Page 3), cones or tape

Number of Leaders required: 1-2

Set Up



What You Need To Know

- Crossing guards are there to help keep us safe when we cross the road.
- Always follow the instructions of your crossing guard.
- Wait until your crossing guard is in the roadway with their stop sign before you start to cross.
- If possible, try to make eye contact with your crossing guard before you begin to cross.
- Do NOT start to cross when your crossing guard is walking back to the side of the road, or has their back turned to you.
- When a crossing guard is not on duty, drivers only need to stop for you if there is a stop sign or a red traffic light.
 - At a stop sign or traffic light, wait your turn to cross, and make sure drivers see you and are stopped,
 - Otherwise, you must wait for a safe gap in traffic, or ideally, should cross at the nearest crossing with a stop sign or traffic light.

Instructions

1. As the leader, put on the safety vest and hold your stop sign.
2. Have students sit in 1-2 rows, facing you. Explain the rules of crossing the road with a crossing guard (see “What you need to know” section above).
3. Ask questions to check for comprehension. For example:
 - What are some things you should do before you start crossing the street with your crossing guard? (Possible answers: Make eye contact; wait for them to walk into the street with their stop sign)
 - When is it NOT a good time to start crossing the street with your crossing guard? (Possible answers: When they are looking the other way; when they are walking back to the side of the road)
 - What should you do if you want to cross the street and the crossing guard is NOT there? (Possible answers: Wait your turn to cross, and make sure drivers see you and are stopped; wait for a safe gap in traffic; walk to a crossing where cars must stop)
4. Set out two cones or mark two spots on the floor with tape to indicate a crossing. Have students line up behind one of the two cones/spots.
5. Be the crossing guard and demonstrate some of the scenarios mentioned above: make eye contact; walk out onto the road; turn your back to students; wave students through; hold your hand out to tell students to stop; walk back to the side of the road. Students practice following your instructions and cues to cross when it is safe to do so. Students take turns crossing and returning to the back of the line to cross again.

Template for Printing: Stop Sign

If you do not have access to a crossing guard stop sign, you can make your own. Print the template below on sturdy paper, and attach it to a wooden ruler to create your very own crossing guard stop sign.

