

(d) *Color.* The lettering and border shall be black and the background of the sign shall be white.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; r. cr. (3) and (4), Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66; am. (1), (2), r. (3) and (4), and renum. (5) to be (3), Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 7-1-72.

**Hy 12.03 Installation of school signs.** (1) **RURAL HIGHWAYS.** School Advance, School Crossing and School Crossing Advance signs shall be erected on a standard of suitable material. The bottom of the signs shall be not less than 5 feet nor more than 9 feet above the centerline grade of the roadway. The signs shall be placed on the right-hand side of the road facing traffic. They shall be 6 to 12 feet from the edge of the traveled way where there is no curb or guardrail. Where there is raised curb or guardrail, the nearest edge of the sign shall be approximately 2 feet outside the curb or guardrail. The School Advance signs shall be located not less than 700 feet nor more than 1,000 feet in advance of the nearest limits of the school property. School Crossing Advance signs shall be located not less than 700 feet nor more than 1,000 feet in advance of the crosswalk. School Crossing signs shall be erected on the right-hand side of the roadway facing the traffic they are intended to control and, if at an intersection, they shall be not closer than 10 feet nor farther than 40 feet from the near edge of the intersecting roadway or, if at a crosswalk, whether or not at an intersection, they shall be approximately 4 feet in advance of the crosswalk.

(2) **CITY AND VILLAGE STREETS.** (a) All signs described herein shall be erected on a metal standard or wood post, unless other suitable support for the sign is available. Signs shall not be erected upon utility poles unless permission therefor is obtained from the utility company.

(b) The bottom of the signs shall be not less than 7 feet nor more than 9 feet above the centerline grade of the roadway except that where conditions permit the signs may be located as for rural highways.

(c) School Advance signs shall be erected facing traffic on the right-hand side of the road and at a distance of approximately 300 feet in advance of the near limits of the school property, except that where the speed limit is 40 miles per hour or more, the sign shall be erected not less than 700 feet nor more than 1000 feet in advance of the near limits of the school property. The signs shall be erected 1 to 3 feet back of the curb or, if there is no curb, in accordance with subsection (1). They shall be located where they will have satisfactory, unobstructed visibility when viewed from the traffic lane.

(d) School Crossing Advance signs shall be erected approximately 300 feet in advance of the crosswalk of which they are intended to give warning except that they shall be erected no farther from the school crosswalk than the preceding street intersection.

(e) School Crossing signs shall be located approximately 4 feet in advance of the near crosswalk of the intersection in the direction of travel, on the right-hand side of traffic, and 1 to 3 feet back of the curb or, if there is no curb, in accordance with subsection (1).

(f) Drive Carefully In School Zones signs shall be erected by the authority in charge of the maintenance of the street or highway at or near the corporate limits of cities and villages on all highways. These signs shall be erected on the same support as is used for the

city or village name sign if such a sign is used. When used with a city or village name sign the height of the bottom of the Drive Carefully In School Zones sign shall be not less than 4 feet above the centerline grade of the roadway. When used alone the height of the bottom of the sign shall be not less than 5 feet.

(3) **SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT SIGNS.** When deemed desirable by the erecting authority, a sign of the type described in section Hy 12.02 (2) may be placed between a School Advance or School Crossing Advance sign and the School or School Crossing. A School Speed Limit sign shall not be used alone. The height and lateral placement of these signs shall be the same as for the School Advance signs. Whenever a School Speed Limit sign is used, the speed limit for the section of street or highway following the school or school crossing should be indicated by a standard Speed Limit sign complying with Wis. Adm. Code, chapter Hy 13.

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**Hy 12.04 Maintenance of School signs.** All types of signs covered by this regulation shall be maintained in reasonably good condition at all times. Faded, discolored, and broken signs shall be replaced with approved signs. All types of signs shall be erected and maintained by the authority in charge of the maintenance of the highway.

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**Hy 12.05 Use of School signs.** (2) **SCHOOL ADVANCE SIGNS.** School Advance signs shall be erected on each highway which is contiguous to school property to indicate and give warning of the presence of a school which is actually in use for school purposes during at least six months of the year. School Advance signs shall not be erected on any highway not contiguous to the school property.

(3) **SCHOOL CROSSING ADVANCE SIGNS.** Signs of this type may be used in advance of intersections or other places where a considerable number of school children cross the highway. Such signs should not be used indiscriminately but should be used only where there is a real hazard to considerable number of school children.

(4) **SCHOOL CROSSING SIGNS.** Signs of this type may be used to indicate the location of a school crosswalk. They may be used only where advance warning of the school crossing is given by a School Crossing Advance sign. School Crossing signs should not be used on an approach to an intersection where traffic on that approach is controlled by a Stop or Yield sign but they may be used where traffic is controlled by a traffic control signal.

(5) **DRIVE CAREFULLY IN SCHOOL ZONES SIGNS.** This sign shall be used to remind motorists that extra care is required in school zones. It shall be erected at or near the corporate limits on every highway entering a city or incorporated village regardless of whether or not there is a school in the city or village. It is not required for unincorporated places.

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