

Chapter Hy 12

SCHOOL SIGNS

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History: Chapter Hy 12 as it existed on August 31, 1962 was repealed and a new chapter Hy 12 was created effective September 1, 1962.

Hy 12.01 General. (1) **AUTHORITY FOR THESE RULES.** Pursuant to sections 40.60 (3) and 349.11 (5), Wis. Stats., the Commission prescribes these rules relating to the design and installation of the following signs:

- School
- Speed Limit 15 When Children Are Present
- School Crossing
- School Crossing Ahead
- Drive Carefully In School Zones

(2) **PERMISSIVE INTERIM STANDARDS.** Signs which comply with chapter Hy 12 as published in the Wisconsin Administrative Register for January, 1956, as amended in the Wisconsin Administrative Registers for July, 1956, and March, 1958, may be used before July 1, 1967, but after June 30, 1967, all signs covered by these rules shall comply with these rules. Signs which comply with chapter Hy. 12 as published in the Wisconsin Administrative Register for August, 1962, may be used before July 1, 1970, but after June 30, 1970, all signs covered by these rules shall comply with these rules except that signs on federal-aid routes shall comply with these rules after December 31, 1968. All new sign installations made after January 1, 1967, shall comply with these rules.

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(3) **MINOR VARIATIONS IN SIGN DESIGN.** Signs shall conform to the detailed design specifications given in these rules. Minor variations in size, stroke and shape of letters and numerals, the width of borders, and the size of signs are permitted.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; am. (1) and (2), Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66.

Hy 12.02 Detailed design of signs. (1) **SCHOOL SIGN.** (a) *Shape.* A School sign shall be a square with one diagonal vertical.

(b) *Size.* 1. The standard size School sign shall be 30 inches by 30 inches.

2. The minimum size School sign shall be 24 inches by 24 inches.

(c) *Message and border.* The word "School" shall be in rounded letters 7 inches in height with a stroke of 1 inch on a standard size sign. The width of the border on a standard size sign shall be 5/8 inch and the margin shall be 1/2 inch. The lettering and border for the minimum size sign shall be reduced proportionally.

(d) *Color.* The background of the sign shall be highway yellow. The word "School" and the border shall be black.

(2) **SPEED LIMIT SIGN FOR USE WITH SCHOOL, SCHOOL CROSSING OR SCHOOL CROSSWALK SIGN.** (a) *Shape.* A School Speed Limit sign for use with a School, School Crossing or School Crosswalk sign shall be a square.

(b) *Size.* (1) The standard size School Speed Limit sign shall be 24 inches by 24 inches.

2. The minimum size School Speed Limit sign shall be 18 inches by 18 inches.

(c) *Message and border.* The words "15 Speed Limit When Children Are Present" shall be in rounded letters. The numerals "15" shall be $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches high with $1\frac{3}{8}$ -inch stroke, the words "Speed Limit" 3 inches high with $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch stroke, the word "Children" 4 inches high with $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch stroke, and the words "When" and "Are Present" 2 inches high with $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch stroke. The width of the border on a standard size sign shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and the margin shall be $\frac{3}{8}$ inch. The lettering and border for the minimum size sign shall be reduced proportionally.

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

(3) **SCHOOL CROSSING SIGN.** (a) *Shape.* A School Crossing sign shall be a square with one diagonal vertical.

(b) *Size.* 1. The standard size School Crossing sign shall be 30 inches by 30 inches.

2. The minimum size School Crossing sign shall be 24 inches by 24 inches.

3. The size of the School Crossing sign may be increased to dimensions larger than the standard size at the option of the authority erecting the sign, but the proportions of the sign and message, and the shape of the sign shall be the same as in the standard size.

(c) *Message and Border.* The words "School Crossing" shall be in rounded letters 5 inches in height with a stroke of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. The width of the border on a standard size sign shall be $\frac{5}{8}$ inch and the margin shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. The size of the lettering and border for signs larger or smaller than the standard size shall be increased or decreased in proportion to the increase or decrease in sign size.

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

(4) **SCHOOL CROSSING AHEAD SIGN.** (a) *Shape.* A School Crossing Ahead sign shall be a square with one diagonal vertical.

(b) *Size.* 1. The standard size School Crossing Ahead sign shall be 30 inches by 30 inches.

2. The minimum size School Crossing Ahead sign shall be 24 inches by 24 inches.

3. The size of the School Crossing Ahead sign may be increased to dimensions larger than the standard size at the option of the authority erecting the sign, but the proportions of the sign and message, and the shape of the sign shall be the same as in the standard size.

(c) *Message and Border.* The words "School Crossing Ahead" shall be in rounded letters 5 inches in height with a stroke of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. The width of the border on a standard size sign shall be $\frac{5}{8}$ inch and the margin shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. The size of the lettering and border for signs larger or smaller than the standard size shall be