

School Warning Signs on Locally-Owned and Maintained Roads

The 2009 edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), published by the Federal Highway Administration, requires that all school-related warning signs and associated plaques have a fluorescent yellow-green background with black legend and border. Fluorescent yellow-green sign sheeting material provides enhanced conspicuity for these critical signs, especially in dusk and dawn periods. The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) has recently completed a systematic initiative to replace warning signs for school areas and school crossings on all state-owned and maintained roads.

Municipalities are required to comply with all current MUTCD provisions, including those associated with warning signs for schools, on locally-owned and maintained roads. The Department recognizes that many communities have not upgraded their school warning signs to current standards. As a result, the Department is initiating a statewide project to have the State's contractor remove existing non-conforming school area and school crossing signs on local roads and install new fluorescent yellow-green warning signs and new sign posts at no expense to the community. If your municipality would like to participate in this initiative, it is requested that the appropriate local official complete the form linked below and return it to this office no later than January 15, 2014. Upon completion of the project, the signs and posts will be owned and maintained by the municipality.

[School Form](#)

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