



**Saskatchewan Traffic Control  
Devices Manual**

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Subject:

**School Bus Stop Ahead**

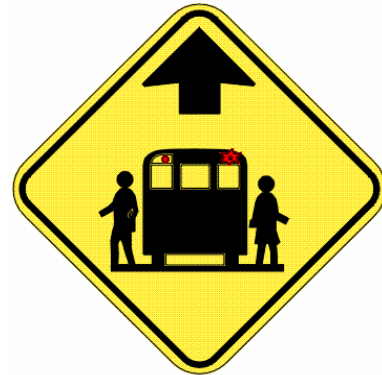
**Sign Specifications**

Sign Size: 90 x 90 cm

Colour

- Bus: Black
- Arrow: Black
- Figures: Black
- Lights : Red
- Background: Yellow

Manufacturing Specification: 245S



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**Introduction**

In 1997 Saskatchewan school buses traveled over 300 000 kilometres a day picking up and returning more than 50 000 students. The question of traffic signs can become very emotional when children are involved. However with some 30 000 school bus stops in the province, it is important that certain checks and balances be in place. The integrity of the School Bus sign may be jeopardized if overused or used indiscriminately. The consequences may be that the sign will lose its effectiveness and be ignored in a critical situation. Uniform application throughout the province is important to maintain drivers' respect.

Although the following policy applies to rural numbered provincial highways and roads maintained by the Department, it is recommended that rural municipalities and urban communities adopt a similar policy for roads under their jurisdiction.

Applications for School Bus Stop Ahead signs on grid, main farm access or other municipal roads should be forwarded to the School Division in which the sign would be located with the recommendation that the application be directed to the specific rural municipality. Applications for School Bus Stop Ahead for signs within urban communities should be forwarded to the School Division with the recommendation that the application be directed to the specific urban community.

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**Policy**

The School Bus Stop Ahead sign may be used in advance of locations where:

1. the school bus stop is obscured in such a manner that a school bus cannot be seen (as per Stopping Sight Distance chart); or
2. where there are particular circumstances or needs.

**Minimum Stopping Sight Distance (metres)**

Speed Limit (km/h)	50	60	70	80	90	100
Distance	60	80	105	130	160	190

Stopping sight distances will be measured from an eye height of 1.05 m to a height equal to a height of the brake lights on a van type school bus (1m).

Particular circumstances or needs may include a transfer point where two or more buses stop to load or unload onto the highway. Does not include routine school bus stops or locations where buses are crossing or turning on to the highway.

Where buses are crossing, turning or there are safety concerns, other advance warning signs such as the Concealed Road sign may be considered for the safe conduct of the road and school bus traffic.

**Procedures**

Department Jurisdiction

- Requests for the installation or removal of signs on rural numbered provincial highways and roads maintained by the Department are to be forwarded to the local School Division. These requests made by the applicant are to be made approximately one month prior for the needed sign installation.
- The School Division will review the request, fill out an application form, and apply to the department.
- The Department will review the application, make the final decision, notify the applicant, and forward a copy of the decision to the School Division and the Saskatchewan School Trustees Association.

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Rural Municipality Jurisdiction

- Requests for the installation or removal of signs on grid, main farm access or other municipal roads will be forwarded to the appropriate School Division.
- The School Division directs the application to the specific rural municipality.
- Final decision regarding installation, funding and maintenance is at the discretion of the rural municipality.

Urban Municipality Jurisdiction

- Requests for the installation or removal of signs on urban streets and roads will be forwarded to the appropriate School Division.
- The School Division directs the request to the specific urban municipality.
- Final decision regarding installation, funding and maintenance is at the discretion of the urban municipality.

**Single Location**

The School Bus Stop Ahead sign will be installed in advance of the school bus stop per Stopping Sight Distance chart where sight distance is inadequate.

When the signing is a result of other particular circumstances or needs, the sign should be installed approximately 150 metres in advance of the school bus stop.

When signing is required for only one direction of travel, signing may be installed for that direction alone.

**Multiple Locations**

If there are a number of closely spaced stops, one set of signs may be installed to encompass all the locations.

A distance tab (WA-28S) will supplement the School Bus Stop Ahead sign when the length being signed exceeds 1 km.

**Responsibility**

The Department will be responsible for all costs relating to installation, future maintenance, and replacement that are within the Department’s jurisdiction.

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**Removal**

Signs may be removed if in the opinion of the Department the policy is not being met or when no longer required.

The Department will consult with the School Division prior to removal.

The School Division and the Saskatchewan School Trustees Association will be informed when a sign is removed.

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APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD SIGN  
(INSTALLATION OR REMOVAL)

1. Request to install \_\_\_\_\_ remove \_\_\_\_\_ School Bus Stop Ahead signs.
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ PC \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_
3. A School Bus Stop Ahead sign is required, or to be removed for the following reasons:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. No. Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_
5. Sign Location  
Provincial Highway No. \_\_\_\_\_, Description \_\_\_\_\_  
Other/Specify \_\_\_\_\_  
Land Location/Description \_\_\_\_\_  
Are signs requested for each direction of travel? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, for which direction is a sign required \_\_\_\_\_
6. School Division \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. School Division recommends \_\_\_\_\_ does not recommend \_\_\_\_\_ installation of School Bus Stop Ahead signs.
8. Return Application to School Division for referral to appropriate agency:
  - For provincial highways, the Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation
  - For rural roads, to Rural Municipality
  - For or urban streets, Urban Community

**For Office Use Only**

Recommended By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signs Installed/Removed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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