The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency’s (SFMTA) Adult School Crossing Guard Program works with schools to improve safety in the vicinity of San Francisco’s public and private schools. The Adult School Crossing Guard Program employs approximately 195 adult crossing guards to assist students in safely getting to and from school.

A completed “Adult School Crossing Guard Request Form” form is filled out and signed by the school principal prior to being submitted to the SFMTA School Crossing Guard Program.

When the request is received, an engineering survey of the intersection is used to determine eligibility for an Adult School Crossing Guard.

The 4 basic criteria that must be met in order to receive an Adult School Crossing Guard are as follows:

1. The students must be K - 8th grades or some combination thereof;
2. The corner must be a designated school crossing (which has a yellow ladder crosswalk);
3. During school arrival or dismissal there must be a minimum of 300 vehicles per hour traveling through the intersection;
4. During school arrival or dismissal there must be a minimum of 10 student pedestrians crossing the intersection over a 10 minute period.

If a guard is warranted at the intersection, it is placed on a ranked, priority list according to a variety of factors including, but not limited to: pedestrian-related collision history, number of students using the crosswalk, number of turning vehicles, intersection geometry, school enrollment, vehicular volume, presence of MUNI route(s), and any special circumstances. This second step helps target crossing guard placements to locations where safety benefits are expected to be the largest.

You will be notified of the survey results once the process has been completed. The process should be completed six months from the application date.

If you have any further questions about how to request an Adult School Crossing Guard or about the SFMTA School Crossing Guard Program, please feel free to contact the Crossing Guard Program at (415) 701-4690 or by email CrossingGuards@sfmta.com. You can also contact the program manager directly, Kathleen McEvoy at (415) 646-2488 or Kathleen.McEvoy@sfmta.com.