

ELL Tips for School Staff: Crossing Guards

Here are some ways that crossing guard can support English language learners (ELLs).



Introduce yourself.

Greet students with a smile and introduce yourself. Let students and families know you are there to help them cross the street safely.



Show students where to go.

Keep in mind that students may be new to the school. Show them where to cross the road safely and tell them to wait for your signal.



Support communication.

Use gestures, eye contact, safety signs with visuals, and bilingual signs. A family liaison may be able to help during arrival and dismissal.



Address safety issues.

If you notice recurring safety issues, bring these issues up to a supervisor. Students or families may need more information or reminders in their language about specific policies.



Identify language resources.

Find out how you can communicate with multilingual families and what to do in case of an emergency. Ask for more training in this area if needed.



Check on school policies.

Ask about your school policies related to interaction with law and immigration enforcement. Ask for training as needed.

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