

RELEVANT VIRGINIA STATE CODE SECTIONS FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

- Virginia State Code **46.2-834. Officers may assume control of traffic at any intersection.**
 - ❑ Law-enforcement officers may assume control of traffic at any intersection, regardless of whether such intersection is controlled by lights, controlled by other traffic control devices, or uncontrolled. Whenever any law-enforcement officer so assumes control of traffic, all drivers of vehicles shall obey his signals.
 - ❑ Law-enforcement officers and uniformed school crossing guards may assume control of traffic otherwise controlled by lights and in such event, signals by such officers and uniformed crossing guards shall take precedence over such traffic control devices.
- Virginia State Code **46.2-1309. Officers may direct traffic; signals.**
 - ❑ Law-enforcement officers and uniformed school crossing guards may direct traffic by signals. Such signals other than by voice shall be as follows:
 - 1. **To stop traffic by hand.** - Stand with shoulders parallel to moving traffic. Raise arms forty-five degrees above shoulder with hand extended, palm towards moving traffic to be stopped.
 - 2. **To start traffic by hand.** - Stand with shoulders parallel to traffic to be moved. Extend right arm and hand full length at height of shoulders towards such traffic, fingers extended and joined, palm down. Bring hand sharply in direction traffic is to move. Repeat movement with left arm and hand to start traffic from opposite direction.
 - 3. **To stop and start traffic by whistle.** - One blast, moving traffic to stop; two blasts, traffic in opposite direction to move.
 - 4. **Emergency stop of traffic by whistle.** - Three or more short blasts, all traffic shall immediately clear the intersection and stop.
 - Such law-enforcement officers and uniformed school crossing guards may also use supplemental traffic direction devices, including but not limited to hand-held stop or go signs, in directing traffic as provided in this section.