

# AAA School Safety Patrol Program

- The AAA School Safety Patrol Program was created in 1920 to make school children safer.
- In the 1930s, three national organizations — the American Automobile Association, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the National Safety Council — collaborated on Standard Rules for the Operation of School Boy Patrols. These guidelines have been updated over the years to become the operating standards for AAA School Safety Patrols.
- Since 1935, student/pedestrian death rates for children ages 5 through 14 have decreased steadily. The AAA School Safety Patrol Program is one factor contributing to this improvement in traffic safety.

**Today, more than 33,000 schools sponsor Patrols, protecting pedestrians and school bus riders in all 50 states.**

- The role of the AAA School Safety Patrol is to teach students to direct their peers in safely interacting with school traffic. Volunteers from upper elementary grades, middle and junior high schools receive training in the fundamentals of traffic safety and program procedures.
- Patrollers direct children, not traffic. Patrollers can be deployed to assist an adult crossing guard, but their focus is on helping students cross safely once the crossing guard has addressed traffic concerns.

**AAA School Safety Patrol members have grown up to be U.S. presidents, governors, members of Congress, Supreme Court justices, astronauts and Olympic medalists, as well as educators, executives and community leaders throughout the country.**

- The highest recognition bestowed on Patrollers is the Lifesaving Award Medal, which was established in 1949. More than 400 Patrollers have received this award for saving the life of a person who was in imminent danger in the course of doing their duty.
- Patrollers are issued a belt or vest and badge to wear while on duty. The badge indicates the level of office: Patroller, captain, lieutenant or sergeant.

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## Join the AAA School Safety Patrol!

For 95 years, students like you have held a leadership position to help classmates travel to and from school safely. Patrollers serve before and after school, helping students cross at intersections and keeping children away from traffic in drop-off and bus loading/unloading areas. Patrollers direct children, not traffic.



The members of our Patrol are selected on the basis of their academic performance, citizenship and maturity. Students are not required to be academically high achieving; however, they must be responsible for their commitment to the Patrol.

### Being on the AAA School Safety Patrol has a lot of benefits. As a Patroller, you will gain:

- Safety awareness;
- Leadership skills;
- Teamwork;
- Pride;
- Citizenship and community service; and
- Respect for law enforcement.

### AAA School Safety Patrol members are required to:

- Complete Patrol training.
- Sign in and report to your designated station on time.
- Wear your Patrol belt or vest to your assigned station and keep it in good, clean condition.
- Follow directions given by Patrol leaders and teachers.
- Be polite and respectful to parents and students at all times.
- Set a good example and follow safety rules.
- Work on assigned dates and at the correct station.
- Keep a passing grade in conduct.



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