

Educators Make All the Difference.

School zone safety is a priority for CAA and one we don't take lightly. Our CAA School Safety Patrol program reflects this commitment, as we collaborate with traffic safety experts, the Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) and community safety leaders, to bring the best safety and community-based solution to your school.

A recent study shows that 83 per cent of parents have witnessed unsafe driving behaviours in school zones, with speeding, double parking and stopping at undesignated areas being the most common. CAA Patrollers serve as an extra set of eyes, ears and helping hands to keep school zones safer.

CAA owns and delivers the CAA School Safety Patrol program through partnerships with bus consortiums, police officers and school boards. This program is an enriching youth-focused road safety and leadership program, open to students in grades 5 to 8, who are trained to keep their peers safe at school crossings (as well as drop off/pick up areas and driveways) and while on school buses.

The training CAA Patrollers receive allow them to keep themselves, fellow students, their schools and broader communities safe and stronger. Students learn about school zone safety, how to spot and report danger, acting fast in case of an emergency and following safety protocols.

The program provides a safe and reassuring way for children to learn countless skills including:

- leadership and civic responsibility
- safety and well being
- problem solving – critical thinking skills
- community engagement
- confidence and empathy
- self-determination

Educators play a vital role in ensuring that Patrollers are motivated and enthusiastic about contributing to school zone safety.

The commitment that goes into ensuring that Patrollers are constantly learning is no small feat, which is why we work to ensure that this is not only a practical experience for students, but an academic one.

Aspects of the Ontario curriculum successfully align with our program. Subjects such as technology, language, math, health and physical education and social studies are promoted in different ways while Patrollers are on duty. Whether it's community members rights from a social studies perspective or exploring the role of technology in enhancing safety and well-being. Patrollers experience a well-rounded program that supports their daily learning.

Your support empowers students to proudly fulfil their Patroller duties and make school zones safer for all.