



**TOPIC:** Signs I See / Road Sign Scavenger Hunt

**GRADES:** K - 3

**STANDARD(S):** Health Education

## OBJECTIVES FOR HEALTH EDUCATION

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- Students will identify signs and their meanings.
- Students will explain how road signs are used to keep us safe and give directions.
- Students will describe ways in which safe and healthy school and community environments can promote personal health.
- Students will examine the likelihood and potential seriousness of injury if drivers, pedestrians or cyclists fail to obey signage
- Students should identify situations when a health-related decision is needed.

## PROCEDURE

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- Assign students to watch **Sign Song** video by the Electric Company:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJnDMq0PxJw>
- Assign students to read the **Why Are Road Signs That Color?** document.
- Students (and parents) should go for a walk or drive through their neighborhood to look for signs they see. They can play the accompanying Road Sign Scavenger Hunt activity and scan or take a picture of their completed sheet to you. The winner is whoever finds the most signs on the board.
- Students should answer the questions on the Signs I See worksheet. For an open-ended writing prompt, on the second page have them write about two-three signs in their neighborhood and the sign meaning.

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- Assign students to draw a picture of a sign in their neighborhood that isn't on the Road Sign Scavenger Hunt.
- Assign students to write a paragraph about how they see drivers, cyclists or pedestrians obeying or disobeying the signs they see, and what the dangers or consequences are.

## SUMMARY

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Students will reflect on why identifying and obeying/respecting signage is important and prevent injuries, as well as the potential consequences of failing to follow signs instructions. They will identify why it is important to cross the street at an area designated for crossing and identify a pedestrian crossing sign.

## HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS

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The lesson plan meets the following National Health Education Standards (NHES):

**Standard 1:** 1.2.1; 1.2.4; 1.5.3; 1.5.4; 1.8.8; 1.8.9

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## WATCH

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## READ

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## ANSWER

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**Answer the following questions based on what you know about traffic signs:**

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Where should you cross the street? What kind of sign tells you it is a safe place to cross? Why is the color of this sign important?

Is it safe to cross a busy street alone, or do you need some help? Who would be able to help you?

What steps should you follow to cross safely?

What does a blue sign with a white H mean? Why is it important for people to know what this sign means?

**Why is it important for everyone – drivers, pedestrians and cyclists – to obey the signs we see?**

**Why is it important for drivers to obey the speed limit?**



**What color is a construction sign? Why is it important to know if there is construction on the road?**

**What are some signs you see in your neighborhood, community or out on the road, and what do they mean?**

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## **DRAW**

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# Why Are Road Signs That Color?



Road signs are very important! The color conveys a lot of information that's helpful to drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. Let's see what the colors and shapes mean:

## RED



Red signs - like **STOP** and **DO NOT ENTER** - generally mean you cannot do something. **YIELD** signs are also red as you must stop and allow someone else (pedestrian, other driver, cyclist) to go first.

## YELLOW



Yellow signs are warning or caution signs. These types of signs might warn you of **ANIMAL CROSSINGS** (like deer), **CURVES**, upcoming **INTERSECTIONS** or **MERGE** areas.

## GREEN



Green signs are guide signs. These types of signs might indicate **MILEAGE** or highway **EXIT INFORMATION**.

## FLUORESCENT YELLOW/GREEN



Fluorescent yellow/green signs are used for **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING** or **SCHOOL ZONES**.

## BROWN



Brown signs identify historic or recreational areas, such as **HIKING/CAMPING** facilities, a **MUSEUM** or **HISTORICAL SITE**.

## ORANGE



Orange signs are associated with construction. This could be a sign alerting you to **ROAD WORK** or when you need to take a **DETOUR**.

## BLUE



Blue signs are informational/motorist service signs. These types of signs might indicate a nearby **HOSPITAL**, where you can get **GAS** or **FOOD** on a trip, and a **REST AREA** or **SCENIC LOOKOUT**.

## BLACK/WHITE



Signs with black lettering on a white background are directive. These signs include **SPEED LIMIT** signs, **ONE WAY** signs and **LANE MOVEMENTS**.





# Road Sign Scavenger Hunt

				
				
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