

Pedestrian Safety

Tips for Parents and Students

Safety for All!

Everyone plays a part in getting children to and from school safely.

School staffs and parents are important role models in teaching children how to be safe pedestrians.



Pay Attention

- LOOK for backup lights
- LISTEN for engine noise
- LOOK for drivers in cars
- AVOID distractions like using ear buds or texting that might keep you from seeing or hearing danger nearby

Walk Safe

- Walk on sidewalks. No sidewalks? Walk facing vehicular traffic, on the left edge of the road or on the shoulder.
- Recognize and obey all traffic signals and markings. For example, a flashing “walk” sign is not an automatic “go” signal. It means a pedestrian has permission to cross, but first stop and look both ways for vehicles.
- Cross safely at the corner intersections or crosswalks, and walk, don’t run.
- Look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT, and be sure traffic is clear or stopped before crossing the street.
- NEVER enter the street from between parked cars or from behind bushes or shrubs. Darting into the street accounts for the majority of child pedestrian fatalities.

Drop-off Tips

- Follow traffic flow instructions and signage posted at your child’s school. Ask your principal if you aren’t sure.
- Do not double park. Wait to pull up to the curb.
- Drop off on the school-side of the street so your child doesn’t have to cross the street. Never allow or encourage children to dart out between cars or into the street.
- Do not pick up or drop off students in the crosswalk. **This is illegal.**
- Avoid backing up. Small children are hard to see.
- Consider the Park & Walk option - park a few blocks from the school and walk your child to school.

