

Safety Measures for Walking or Biking to School

Roads with Sidewalks

- Use the sidewalks
- Watch for vehicles entering or exiting driveways

Roads without Sidewalks

- Walk on the roadway in marked areas
- If there are no marked areas, walk near the side of the road facing traffic
- Bike in the same direction as traffic
- Walk or bike single file along the road
- Bike in a straight line
- Don't make sudden, unexpected movements when walking or biking
- Watch for people getting out of parked cars
- Don't listen to portable music devices or talk on a cell phone
- Watch for vehicles turning to and from driveways and streets

Road crossings

- Used marked crosswalks
- Obey safety patrol
- Look left, look right, and look left again, and cross when no cars are approaching
- K-2 students only cross the road with adult or safety patrol supervision
- Obey walk/don't walk signals at signalized crossings
- Watch for vehicles turning
- Walk across the street, don't run
- Make eye contact with drivers

Picking up/dropping off students

- Obey signs for proper drop off and pick up locations
- When dropping off or picking up at a drop off zone park only on the school side of the street, if allowed, so the student does not have to cross the street
- Watch for children running into the road between parked vehicles
- Obey the school speed limit while in the school zone
- Minimize other distractions (cell phone use, loud music) so that the primary focus is on the road

Resources:

http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/ped/ped_walkguide/resource8.htm

http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/guide/education/key_messages_for_children.cfm

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/outreach/safesobr/15qp/web/sbprevent.html>

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/CPS/newtips/pages/Tip7.htm>

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/CPS/newtips/pages/Tip8.htm>