

Safe Route to School Instructions

Dear Parents:

Walking to school each day can be part of a good exercise program that keeps your child healthy, fit, and ready to learn. Children who walk to school also help minimize parking lot congestion at our school. We have developed this school walk route to encourage walking and safe pedestrian behaviors.

This school walk route map shows the route for your child to use walking to and from school each day. By following the arrow, you will be able to find the best route between your neighborhood and the school. Mark the route from your neighborhood to the school with a colored pen or crayon.

The walk route plan has been developed based on traffic patterns and traffic controls such as cross walks, traffic lights, and safety patrol posts. The route limits the number of street crossings children will make and seeks to group children together to increase their visibility and safety. Therefore, the route may not be the shortest way to school, but it is important that children follow the route, even if they have to walk a little farther to do so.

Please help your child become familiar with this route by walking it together. Teach your child to cross the street only at the locations indicated on the map. Practice good pedestrian behaviors with your child when walking the route together by following these safety rules:

- Do not cross the street alone if you're younger than 10 years old.**
- Stop at the curb before crossing the street.**
- Walk, don't run, across the street.**
- Cross at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks whenever possible.**
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing.**
- Walk using sidewalks**
- Make sure drivers see you before crossing in front of them.**
- Watch out for driveways, alleys or other places where cars may have trouble seeing you.**
- Wear white clothing or reflectors when walking at night.**
- Cross at least 10 feet in front of a school bus.**

Safety patrol members will be posted before and after school at the cross walks as indicated on the map. Remember to tell your child to follow the patrol member's instructions.

This route will be reviewed yearly and may change as conditions along the route change. Please contact your building office if you have any concerns regarding the walk route. Together we can work to make your child's walk to school an enjoyable part of his or her day.