Share the road safely with all other users, no matter how you choose to get to and from school. Use extra caution near younger students walking or biking to school.

Obey adult crossing guards. They are there to help everyone cross congested intersections safely.

Bike Safely



Be predictable. Obey ALL stop signs and traffic signals. Never ride wrong way. The best way to avoid crashes as well as traffic tickets is to follow the same rules of the road as apply to car drivers.



Be alert. Watch out for drivers turning left or right, or coming out of driveways. Avoid car doors opening in front of you by riding out of the door zone. Yield to pedestrians.



Wear your helmet and buckle it every time. It's the law if you are under 18, and wise at any age. To best protect your brain, your helmet must fit properly: snug and level on your head, just above your eyebrows.



Be visible. Use a bright headlight and taillight at night.

Avoid texting, phone calls, or music while biking.

Walk or Skate Safely



Be alert. Look for cars coming from all directions before entering the street - including behind you.

Cross at corners and crosswalks. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.



Don't assume drivers see you.Make eye contact before crossing intersections.

Share the Path Safely



Pedestrians have the right of way on walkways and paths. Give an audible warning when you pass on your bicycle.

Keep to the right and pass on the left.

Parents Drive Safely

Slow down and use extra caution in school zones and along commute routes! Signal your turns and **yield to pedestrians**.

Obey adult crossing guards and "No Right Turn on Red" signs posted at designated school intersections. This allows students to cross safely without cars turning through crosswalks.

Don't make U-turns, drop off along red curb zones, or make other unsafe maneuvers that put other road users at risk.

When dropping off or picking up your student, **pull all the way to the end of the loading zone**, always ensure that students can exit or enter the car from the curb side, do not encourage students to run to/from the vehicle, and make sure all passengers are buckled before driving.

Never double park, block access ramps or driveways, or stop where prohibited.

Help reduce traffic congestion on school routes by **carpooling with a neighbor** and **avoiding the last minute rush** whenever possible.

Avoid texting, phone calls and other distractions while driving.



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