

Walking Safety Tips

If your child walks to and/or from school, please talk with your child and encourage them to use the following tips:

- Ensure your child leaves early enough to get to school 10 minutes prior to the start of school.
- Students should use public sidewalks and streets when walking to school/bus stop.
- Choose the safest route between home and school/ bus stop and practice walking it with children until they can demonstrate traffic safety awareness.
- Use the same route every day and avoid shortcuts.
- Children should be reminded to cross streets only at corners or crosswalks.
- Teach children to recognize and obey traffic signals and pavement markings.
- When crossing a street, remind your child how important it is to look left, then right, then left again before stepping into the road.
- Never enter streets from between parked cars or from behind shrubbery.
- Walk, don't run, across intersections. A flashing "walk signal" or the crossing guard in the street does not mean it's safe to cross.
- If possible, use the buddy system and have your child travel in a group or with fellow students.
- Go straight home after school.
- Whenever possible, please try to get the plate number of any suspicious vehicle in your neighborhood – particularly during the morning pick-up and afternoon delivery times. Please report this information to the police and the school

Remind your child to never get into a vehicle with a person – even if your child knows that person – without parent permission. If a stranger, or someone your child does not know, approaches, tell a trusted adult such as a parent or teacher. If it happens after school the child should immediately go to the school office.