



October Walk to School Month

Getting Your Child to and from School Safely

Dear Parents:

Now is the time of year to start planning how you will get your child to and from school. The traffic before and after school can be stressful, and often poses a danger to our children. But do not forget that there are other options for getting your child to and from school that can benefit everyone.



Walk or bike to school

If you live close enough to the school, consider walking or biking with your child to school. If they are old enough, let them walk or bike to school with a friend. Students who walk or bike to school arrive alert and are ready to learn.

Park a few blocks from school and walk from there

Walking with your child to school reduces traffic around the school, gives you and your child an opportunity to spend quality time together, and gives you both some physical activity.

Carpool with neighbors

Find other families in your neighborhood who are interested in taking turns driving children to and from school. This reduces traffic around the school, and gives you more time to do other things in the morning or afternoon.

Bus or Public Transit

Enrolling your child in the school bus program or having older children take public transit is an easy and safe way for your child to get to school, especially for those who live too far away to walk or bike. Older children taking public transit can get off a few stops early and walk the rest of the way to school if the neighborhood is safe.

Drive Safely

If you choose to drive your child to school, please remember to drive slowly and safely in the school zone. Children are unpredictable and may be difficult to see as they walk or bike to school. When you drop-off or pick-up your child, please use the school-side of the street and do not double park or let your car idle, as this increases traffic around the school and pollutes the air.



Please consider one of the alternative options above for getting your child to and from school. Your choice will improve the health and safety of everyone, including your own child.

