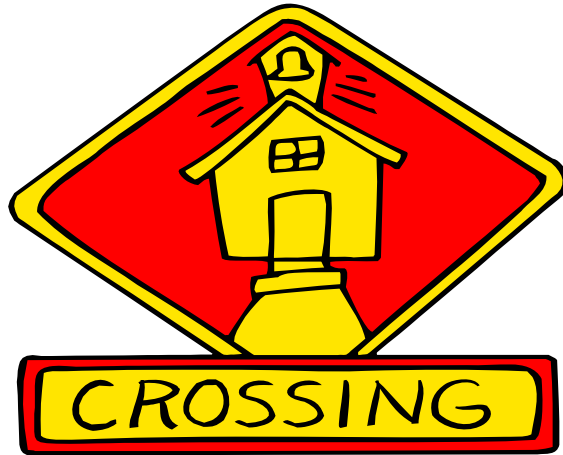


# GUIDELINES FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY WHILE TRAVELING TO AND FROM SCHOOL



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## TO PARENTS AND CHILDREN:

Please review this brochure together.

- ✓ We have worked together to identify the safest route to and from school.
- ✓ We have discussed safe walking procedures.
- ✓ We have walked the chosen route to and from school.
- ✓ We have discussed the safest drop-off and pick-up procedures.
- ✓ We are aware of the requirements at the bus circle and on Access Road.

## 1. IDENTIFYING THE SAFEST WALKING ROUTE

### Questions to Consider When Identifying the Safest Walking Route:

Is the walking surface adequate? Are there sidewalks, walking paths, or a shoulder?

Can you see the traffic? Can drivers see you?

Are there crosswalks? Where are they located?

Are there crossing guards? Where are they located?

Are there stop signs, traffic signals or school warning devices to help you cross the street? Where are they located?

Is this the best route? **Remember**, the shortest route is not always the safest route!

Is this the route with the fewest streets to cross?

Is the route free of obstructions, such as construction activities?

Is the route well traveled? Does it require you to walk through dark areas?

## 2. SAFEST WALKING AND BIKE RIDING PRACTICES

### Consider the following:

Choose the safest route.

Use crosswalks and sidewalks when available.

If there is not sidewalk, walk/ride facing the traffic.

Look left, right, and left before crossing the street.

Obey traffic signals, walk/don't walk signals, and crossing guards at all times.

Do not walk/ride in between vehicles and/or school buses.

Be extra cautious during bad weather and wear bright or light/reflective colored clothing.

Travel directly to and from school.

Walk with friends.

### Do not talk to strangers.

**Remember to always: Stop - look left, right, and left - listen!**

## 3. DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP AT SCHOOL

### Safe Practices Include:

Obey all traffic regulations.

Follow pick-up and drop-off procedures.

Cooperate with the school personnel and security guards.

Obey "BUSES ONLY" signs.

Drop-off on Access Road only.

Park in designated parking areas if you must leave your vehicle.

Never park in the designated fire lane.

Be extra cautious in bad/inclement weather.

**All students are encouraged to use bus transportation to reduce congestion and comply with the Special Exception**