



SAN MATEO-
FOSTER CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to drive safely, follow all traffic rules and watch out for children and pedestrians. Safe driving around our schools improves safety for all children, including yours. Please follow the school's drop off and pick up procedures. In addition, please pay attention to your surroundings and watch for children while dropping off or picking up your child. The Foster City Police Department and the San Mateo-Foster City School District urge you to support our priority of student and traffic safety around San Mateo-Foster City schools. The Foster City Police Department will be focusing on traffic safety in and around our schools with both plain clothed and uniformed traffic enforcement.

Please consider the following tips:

- Please drive slowly around the school while children are present, looking out for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Drivers **MUST** yield to pedestrians crossing in a crosswalk. The minimum fine for this type of violation is **\$200**.
- Pedestrians must use marked crosswalks to cross the street. Several crosswalks are located around the campus.
- Drop-off your child at a location where he/she does not have to cross the street.
- Have your child sit in the passenger side of the car so he/she can exit onto the sidewalk.
- When dropping off your child, pull to the curb safely, have your child exit carefully and depart immediately. This will allow others to safely bring their children to school. Please pull forward for drop-off to facilitate traffic flow. Do not leave your car unattended in white zones.

- Follow the directions of student safety patrol and crossing guards. For the crossing guard's safety, please allow him or her to safely get to the sidewalk before driving ahead.
- Do not block crosswalks, driveways, red zones, or fire hydrants.
- Left turns in and out of the on-campus drop-off are discouraged.
- In some cases, it is illegal to make U-turns near the school. They should always be avoided when traffic is heavy.
- Be courteous to your fellow parents and residents.
- Remain alert and do not talk or text on your cell phone while driving – even hands-free. Distracted driving is a leading cause of collisions.
- Some school buses flash yellow lights when preparing to stop to let students off the bus. When the yellow light flash, slow down and prepare to stop.
- When the bus flashes red lights (located at the top front and back of the bus), motorists must stop from either direction until the students are safely across the street and the lights stop flashing.
- The law requires you remain stopped as long as the red lights are flashing. If you fail to stop, you may be fined up to **\$1,000** and your driving privilege could be suspended for one year.



Thank you in advance for following these tips and improving the safety around San Mateo-Foster City Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Pierucci".

Joe Pierucci
Chief of Police
Foster City Police Department

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joan Rosas".

Joan Rosas, Ed.D.
District Superintendent
San Mateo-Foster City School District