

SCHOOL SAFETY

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS



A public education campaign to change driver, pedestrian and bicyclist behavior.



Walking to School:

- Parents: Choose the best route to school and walk it with your children.
- Walk with a group, parent, or “buddy.” Avoid walking alone.
- Obey all traffic signals, signs and street markings, such as crosswalks.
- Obey the directions of Adult Crossing Guards and School Safety Patrols.
- Look in all directions when crossing. (Left, right, left, front and back)
- Cross the street at a corner or crosswalk only. Do not cross mid-block!
- Stay alert at all times – especially in bad weather.



Riding a Bike to School:

- Wear a helmet at all times! It's the school policy and state law!
- Ask your parents to help you choose the best cycling route.
- Obey all traffic signals, signs and street markings.
- When riding in the street, ride on the right hand side of the street.
- Ride with the traffic flow; do not ride facing traffic.
- Children under 10 should ride on the sidewalk.
- When riding on sidewalks, ride slow, and watch out for walkers.
- Also watch out for cars entering or leaving driveways.
- Cross streets at corners, and use crosswalks.
- When crossing in a crosswalk, walk your bike across the street.



Riding in a School Bus:

- Stay out of the street, and don't play around the bus stop.
- Wait for parents where the bus dropped you off; don't cross the street.
- Follow the bus driver's instructions.
- Stay in your seat at all times and keep your things out of the walkway.
- Keep your head, arms and hands inside the bus.



Riding in a Car to School:

- Wear your seatbelt for the entire ride, even if it is just a short way to go.
- Younger children (under 4 years or 40 pounds) must ride in a car seat.
- Children under 6 years or 60 pounds must ride in a booster seat.
- The safest place for children to ride is in the back seat.
- Riding in the back of a pick-up truck without a camper is against the law.
- Make sure children enter or exit the vehicle on the passenger side of the car, next to the sidewalk.
- Park your car a block or two from the school, and walk the rest of the way to avoid congestion.
- OBEY ALL PARKING, WALKING AND DRIVING LAWS, they're for your safety and the safety of our children!
- San Mateo Police Department will be enforcing pedestrian and driving laws around schools this fall to improve safety for our children.