



Student Safety Tips *2007-2008*

- Students should walk directly to their designated school bus stop when they leave home in the morning and walk directly to their home in the afternoon when they are dropped off at their school bus stop.
- Students should walk the route with the fewest streets to cross from their home to the school bus stop.
- Students should only cross the street at street corners or at designated cross walks if available.
- Students should watch for vehicles approaching or making turns before they cross a street.
- Students should never cross the street between parked vehicles.
- Students should never accept a ride from a stranger.
- Students should face traffic when walking to a bus stop on a road without a sidewalk.
- Students should always cross in front of the bus and **NEVER** behind the school bus.
- Students should use extra caution at a bus stop before the sunrise by wearing reflective clothing.
- Students should leave home early enough so they arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the school bus is scheduled to arrive.
- Students should never run to the bus stop.
- Students should stand in line facing traffic so they can see the school bus approaching the bus stop.
- Students should stand back at least 6 feet from where the school bus will stop and approach the school bus only when the school bus driver opens the door.
- Students should never go under any bus to retrieve any items they have dropped.
- Destroying property, horseplay, playing in or running across the street is dangerous and strictly prohibited at the school bus stop.
- When walking to school choose sidewalks or designated paths wherever possible.
- If there are no sidewalks walk as far from the cars as possible.
- Minimize the number of street crossings and avoid busy, high speed or multi lane roads wherever possible.
- Choose a route to school that avoids potential problems such as: loose dogs, vacant buildings, or streets with poor lighting.
- Always look for cars whose drivers are driving in an unsafe manner.
- Watch out for cars turning or pulling out of driveways.
- Cross at crosswalks with signals whenever possible.
- Remember that just because it is your turn to cross does not mean that cars will stop or that turning cars will see you.
- Always look for your self to see if cars are coming.
- Look left, right, and left again for traffic.