

Safe Walking Guidelines

The safety of our students is always a primary concern. Below are some guidelines to review with your student so they will know how to be safe.

- If you're younger than 10 years old, cross the street only when supervised.
- Stop at the edges of driveways, alleys and curbs, or edges of the street where no curb exists, and look left, right, and left again for vehicles before crossing the street.
- Walk; don't run, across the street.
- Cross at intersections, using traffic signals and crosswalks whenever possible.
- Walk on the sidewalks and trails when they are available, or if there is no sidewalk and you must walk on the side of the road, walk on the edge, facing traffic.
- Make sure drivers see you before crossing in front of them. Always attempt to make eye contact.
- Avoid playing in driveways, streets or by the side of the road.
- Wear highly visible clothing or reflectors when walking in the dark, and use a flashlight.
- Cross at least ten feet in front of a school bus or other large vehicle. Always attempt to make eye contact.
- Avoid walking while texting or e-mailing.
- Stay aware of your surroundings; avoid wearing hoods or hats that restrict vision, or wearing earphones and listening to loud music while walking.