

DRIVER AWARENESS FOR SAFE ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES to IMPROVE SAFETY and AIR QUALITY

- ★ Walk or bike as often as you can.
- ★ Drop off or pick up your child a quarter to half mile from school, a 5-10 minute walk.
- ★ Carpool. Look into a ride share with friends or neighbors.
- ★ Be idle free: turn your car off if stopped for >30 seconds. Leaving the car running is polluting and does not save time or energy.
- ★ Leave for school 10 minutes early to avoid morning drop-off stress and congestion!



BE AWARE and SHARE the ROAD

- ★ Slow down; follow the speed limit and caution signs, speeding is the #1 cause of all crashes.
- ★ Look out for pedestrians and cyclists everywhere, at all times. Be prepared to stop for children running across the street and in-between vehicles.
- ★ When driving in a school zone, never pass other vehicles, change lanes, or make U-Turns.
- ★ Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
- ★ Driving is not the time to multi-task.
- ★ All cell phone use should be put on hold, especially when in a school zone.
- ★ Give bicyclists at least 3 feet of space or change lanes when you pass them.
- ★ Communicate intent with bicyclists and pedestrians using eye contact, etc.

SUPPORT SAFE and SMOOTH DROP OFF/PICK UP

- ★ Always follow the instructions and directions provided by school personnel. Park in, or progress through, designated pick-up/drop off areas as directed.
- ★ Drop your child off on the school-side of the road; your child is safer when they do not have to cross the street.
- ★ Be extra cautious when backing up. Children are small and hard to see.
- ★ Walk in front of rather than behind a school bus, and stay 5-10 big steps away from the sides and rear, outside of the driver's blind spots.
- ★ Do not park or stop in the bicycle lane, even if it's on the street in front of your school.
- ★ Be patient, respectful and courteous to other road users. Anger and frustration can lead to careless and unsafe behavior.

