

APRIL SAFETY TOPIC

SCHOOL ZONE

SAFE DROP-OFF AND PICK UP

Safe drop-off and pick up procedures are essential for ensuring the safety of students, staff, and parents during busy times. Here are several important information to achieve a safe drop-off and pick-up procedures:

- ☐ Slow down and **OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS** and **SPEED LIMITS**, both in school zones and in neighborhood surrounding the school.
- ☐ Comply with the **SCHOOL DROP-OFF and PICK-UP PROCEDURES** for the safety of all children accessing the school.
- ☐ Prepare to stop for a school bus when overhead yellow lights are flashing. Drive with caution when you see yellow hazard warning lights on a moving or stopped bus.
- ☐ Stop for a school bus with its red overhead lights flashing, regardless of the direction from which the driver is approaching.

Drivers **MUST NOT PROCEED** until the school bus resumes motion and the red lights stop flashing, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed.



- ☐ Watch for children walking or bicycling (both on the road and the sidewalk) in areas near a school.
- ☐ Watch for children walking or biking to school when backing up (out of a driveway or leaving a garage).



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REMEMBER !



Avoid loading or unloading children at locations across the street from the school. This forces children to unnecessarily cross busy streets – often mid-block rather than at a crosswalk.

Avoid double parking or stopping on crosswalks to let children out of the car. Double parking will block visibility for other children and other motorists. Visibility is further reduced during the rain and fog seasons.



- ☐ Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops. Watch for children arriving late for the bus, who may dart into the street without looking for traffic.



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Improving safety during drop-off and pick-up times is crucial for ensuring the well-being of children, parents, and school staff. A comprehensive strategy involves a combination of physical infrastructure improvements, education, policy enforcement, and community engagements. Here's a plan that can help for improving safety during drop-off and pick-up at school.

1. Traffic Management & Infrastructure Improvements

- Dedicated Drop-off/Pick up Zones:
 - Create clearly marked and designated zones for dropping off and picking up students.
 - Separate lanes for drop-off and pick-up to minimize congestion and prevent vehicle-pedestrian accidents.
 - Use curbs, signs, and barriers to clearly separate pedestrian areas from vehicle lanes
- Clear Signage & Markings:
 - Install clear, visible signs indicating no parking zones, speed limits, and pedestrian crossing areas.
 - Use pavement markings and signs to indicate appropriate traffic flow and drop-off locations.
 - Include "No U-Turn" and "One-Way" signs where applicable to avoid confusion.
- Speed Reduction Measures:
 - Implement speed bumps or rumble strips near school entrances to slow down traffic.
 - Use radar speed signs to alert drivers when they are speeding near school zones.
- Pedestrian Crosswalks & Safe Routes:
 - Ensure that there are well-marked, brightly colored pedestrian crosswalks.
 - Create safe walking routes for children to reach school entrances without crossing busy streets.
 - Designate crossing guards at key points to help students cross safely.

2. Parent and Community Education

- Safety Awareness Campaigns:
 - Regularly communicate the importance of following drop-off/pick up procedures through newsletters, emails, and meetings.

- Organize safety workshops or training for parents on how to safely drop off and pick up children.
- Signs and Reminders for Parents
 - Use posters, flyers, or digital screens to remind drivers of safety rules in the school parking lot and surrounding areas.
 - Remind parents to always use crosswalks and avoid blocking entrances and exits.
- Parent Volunteers:
 - Recruit parent volunteers to help direct traffic and assist students in crossing streets safely.
 - Organize a "Safety Day" where parents, teachers, and students review safety rules together.

3. Incentive and Community Engagement

- Reward Safe Behavior:
 - Recognize and reward safe driving behaviors among parents and staff, such as through a "Safe Driver" award.
 - Acknowledge students who participate in walking/biking to school with certificates or rewards.
- Community Partnerships:
 - Collaborate with local businesses and community organizations to sponsor safety initiatives or provide rewards for students who walk or bike to school.
 - Partner with local fire departments, police departments, or traffic safety organizations for training and educational programs.

DON'T FORGET!

**Drive with care,
kids are
everywhere!**

