

How to Drive Safely in School Zones During Arrival and Dismissal



SLOW DOWN

The safe speed may be below the posted speed.



GO WITH THE FLOW

Follow school drop-off and pick-up rules. Park, stop and load students only in designated spaces. Stay in your car when directed to do so.

Avoid the hectic school zone:

- Use a Park & Walk location (if available)
- Park a block or two away and walk to school



BE AN EXAMPLE

Set a positive example for your students and others. Follow posted instructions and instructions from crossing guards and safety patrols.



LOOK FOR CHILDREN

Families may be walking, crossing and bicycling on the street from all directions. Watch for students crossing, especially when other vehicles block your view.



PARK SAFELY

Park in legal spaces and avoid double parking or blocking neighbor's driveways. Keep crosswalks, handicapped spaces, fire hydrants, bus stops and driveways clear. Look behind you before backing out.



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WATCH THE DOOR

Look around before opening any car door; be sure to check behind you to look for people bicycling. Encourage your children or other passengers to exit using the curbside door, but remind them that other students may be bicycling on the sidewalk.



FOLLOW TRAFFIC LAWS

Avoid mid-block u-turns, turning against "No Right on Red" signs and dropping off along red curb zones.



BE PATIENT, BE PREDICTABLE

Everyone is trying to get their child to and from school safely. Wait your turn, and use your signal to communicate with others where you are going.



STOP FOR PEOPLE

Always yield to people crossing in the middle of the street, at crosswalks and at intersections.



CHECK YOUR BLIND SPOTS

Children may be harder to see than an adult. Look in front of your vehicle, behind your vehicle and on each side.



USE THE CURB

Pull to the curb instead of dropping kids off in the street; use your signal and check your mirrors to make sure it is safe and clear before pulling over. Ensure your students always cross at designated crosswalks or street corners.



Remember:

- Safe driving is less stressful.
- Consider sharing the ride with other families going to the same school.



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