SCHOOL SAFETY
FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Walking to School:
• Parents: Choose the best route to school and walk it with your children.
• Walk with a group, parent, or “buddy.” Avoid walking alone.
• Obey all traffic signals, signs and street markings, such as crosswalks.
• Obey the directions of Adult Crossing Guards and School Safety Patrols.
• Look in all directions when crossing. (Left, right, left, front and back)
• Cross the street at a corner or crosswalk only. Do not cross mid-block!
• Stay alert at all times – especially in bad weather.

Riding a Bike to School:
• Wear a helmet at all times! It’s the school policy and state law!
• Ask your parents to help you choose the best cycling route.
• Obey all traffic signals, signs and street markings.
• When riding in the street, ride on the right hand side of the street.
• Ride with the traffic flow; do not ride facing traffic.
• Children under 10 should ride on the sidewalk.
• When riding on sidewalks, ride slow, and watch out for walkers.
• Also watch out for cars entering or leaving driveways.
• Cross streets at corners, and use crosswalks.
• When crossing in a crosswalk, walk your bike across the street.

Riding in a School Bus:
• Stay out of the street, and don’t play around the bus stop.
• Wait for parents where the bus dropped you off; don’t cross the street.
• Follow the bus driver’s instructions.
• Stay in your seat at all times and keep your things out of the walkway.
• Keep your head, arms and hands inside the bus.

Riding in a Car to School:
• Wear your seatbelt for the entire ride, even if it is just a short way to go.
• The safest place for children to ride is in the back seat.
• Riding in the back of a pick-up truck without a camper is against the law.
• Make sure children enter or exit the vehicle on the passenger side of the car, next to the sidewalk.
• Park your car a block or two from the school, and walk the rest of the way to avoid congestion.
• OBEY ALL PARKING, WALKING AND DRIVING LAWS, they’re for your safety and the safety of our children!
• San José Police Department will be enforcing pedestrian and driving laws around schools this fall to improve safety for our children.

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