



Getting to School Safely

Indian Prairie School District 204
Middle Schools



The purpose of this presentation is to review/introduce some basic guidelines for safety when traveling to and from school.

Walkers

Drop-off

Bicycle

Bus



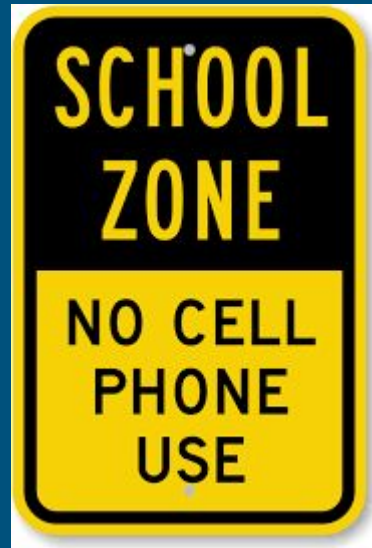
Walkers

- Identify a safe walking path and practice this route prior to the start of school.
- Determine how much time you will need to walk to school in order to get to class on time.
 - School doors open at 7:45am
 - School begins at 8:00am
- Walk to school in a group. Coordinate with other students in your neighborhood who walk to school.
- Be aware of passing cars when crossing the street.
- Use the marked crosswalks.
- Use the sidewalk.
- Be aware of your interactions.



Drop-off

- Cars are only allowed to enter on Meadowridge Drive
- Determine how much time you will need to get to school. Weather conditions can cause traffic, as well as increase the amount of time you may wait in the drop-off line.
 - School doors open at 7:45am
 - School begins at 8:00am
- Parents be aware of
 - School speed zone
 - Other vehicles and bus zones
 - Local traffic, including construction zones
 - Other local school traffic
 - Students walking or riding bikes to school
 - Review school zone safety signs.



Bicycle



- Identify a safe bike route and practice this route prior to the start of school.
- Determine how much time you will need to travel to school in order to get to class on time.
 - School doors open at 7:45am
 - School begins at 8:00am
- Bike to school in a group. Coordinate with other students in your neighborhood who ride their bikes to school.
- Wear protective gear like helmets and knee/elbow pads.
- Wear bright clothing or other high visibility clothing in a vest or armband.
- Be aware of your interactions

Bus



- The bus is an extension of the classroom.
 - Follow the directions of the driver
 - Remain in your seat
 - Voice level should only be loud enough for the person you are sitting with to hear you.
- Locate your pick-up and drop-off locations and times through the Home Access Center.
- Arrive to your bus stop 5 minutes prior to the posted pick-up time.
- Do not cross in front of the bus.
- To ride another bus you must present written permission from your parent/guardian to the office. An administrator must approve of this temporary change and will provide you with a form you will present to the driver.

Bus (continued)

- Use only your grade-level door to enter the building from bus drop-off in the morning (6th: #7 / 7th: #10 / 8th: #5)
- Use the same grade-level doors to exit for the buses at dismissal.
- Have your school issued ID card and be ready to present it to the driver each day.

Bus Evacuation

- Know where Emergency Exits are located.
- Follow directions of the driver
- Use a radio to call for help if needed.

Bus Safety - Know the Danger Zones

