



# Getting to School Safely

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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.

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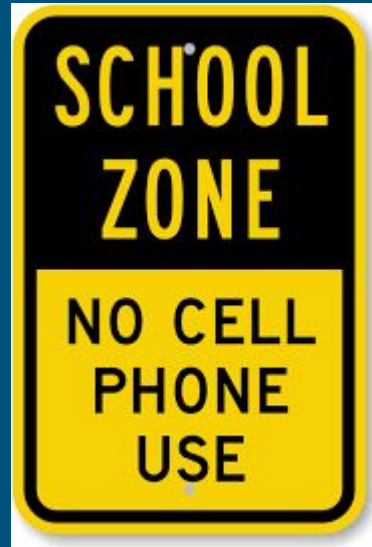
# Walkers

- 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 7:45 a.m.
  - School begins at 8:00 a.m.
- 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

- Follow your schools drop-off and pick-up procedures as communicated.
- 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 7:45 a.m.
  - School begins at 8:00 a.m.
- 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

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- 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 7:45 a.m.
  - School begins at 8:00 a.m.
- 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

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- 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)

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- Use only grade level doors to enter the building from bus drop-off in the morning.
- Use only doors closest your locker/classes to exit for the buses at dismissal.
- Have your school issued ID card and be ready to present it to the driver each day.
- Grade level entrance doors:
  - Grade 6 - Door 1 (main entrance)
  - Grade 7 - Door 2 (near the gym)
  - Grade 8 - Door 23 (near east parking lot)



# Class discussions and share out...

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- 1) With a partner discuss the following...
  - What time do you need to leave your house to get to school on time?
  - What were some of the tasks or obstacles you had to take into account when planning your departure?
- 2) What are some things you can do to ensure you get to school safely?
- 3) Why is it important to treat the bus as though it is another classroom?