

Enhancing Safety at Student Arrival and Dismissal

BEST PRACTICES

Geography – School Site	Geography – Surrounding City Areas	Parent & Family Information & Action	School Staff Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate bus arrival area from family drop-off/pick-up and from walkers/bikers arrival/exit areas • Clearly mark family drop-off/pick-up areas • Post Safety Patrol members on corners adjacent to school. On busy or dangerous intersections, post adult volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City parking signage supports school needs • Fire zones are maintained free of cars/buses at all times • Post Safety Patrol members on corners a block out from school. On busy or dangerous intersections, post adult volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell families frequently about locations and procedures for student drop-off/pick-up and walk/bike routes • Provide arrival/dismissal/walk info to families in the Parent Handbook, on the school web site, and translate it into relevant languages • Provide walk/bike maps/suggested routes to families and encourage walking – for exercise and brainpower • Remind families frequently about the positive behavior expectations for bus behavior and encourage them to reinforce the expectations with their students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School leadership and staff are visible outside during arrival & dismissal • Staff greet students at each entry & departure door • In elementary & middle schools, staff accompany students to the buses • For pre-K to first grade students, staff check students’ bus tags against current electronic route copy. • Staff members know how to help load buses safely and remind students of positive expectations for bus behavior • Staff members know walk/bike routes and encourage active commuting