



Safety Newsletter

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!! 2021–2022



Safety Tips for Parents Dropping their Children at School

Get Familiar with School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Practices

If the curb says “No stopping, standing or parking at any time” that means for everyone. Look for where the school bus stops, and stay clear of that path. Use designated crosswalks, don’t walk your child across the middle of a street.

Discuss and Practice Safety Rules with your Children

If possible, take your child to the drop-off area and “practice” the procedure at an off-peak time. Walk him/her through what to look for, what to do, and what not to do. Repetition and familiarity are the best guidelines for ensuring child safety all school year long.

Don’t Break Safety Rules Because You’re Late

Whipping your car around, getting your child to dash out of the car to reach the classroom before the school bell rings, or encouraging a “drop-and-dash” drop-off is a recipe for disaster in terms of child safety. You would rather your child receive a tardy notice than be in an accident.

Safety is key:

- Familiarize children with arrival & dismissal practices
- Be aware of Stranger Dangers
- Parents keep valuables out of plain sight, even on campus parking lots
- Always look both ways before crossing
- Say hi to your friendly crossing guards

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Know the Traffic Rules in School Zones

Familiarize yourself with the various speed zones. Be aware of which side of the car your child sits, and consider positioning them to the side most convenient for exiting. Motorists should also familiarize themselves with the yellow school buses, changes in traffic flow, and speed they bring.

Cell Phones/Texting

It is dangerous to use cell phones in school zones. If a parent must use their cell phone or text, they should be in a parking space with the car in park. If a student must text or use their cell phone, they should be stationary on a sidewalk and at least 10 yards away from any roadway or moving vehicle.

SUMMER SAFETY

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Have a Plan

Students and parents should have a plan in advance of after school pick up. Your student should know who is picking them up and in what vehicle. Try to be consistent with the parking space or location you choose each day. If you're going to be late, get in contact with your student or office staff in advance.



General Child Safety Tips Concerning School Buses

When a school bus stops and flashes red lights, traffic approaching from either direction must stop before reaching the bus.

Know that you must remain stopped for a school bus until the red lights stop flashing, or until the bus driver or police officer/traffic director directs you to proceed.



On a divided highway motorists must stop for a school bus when the bus flashes red lights, located at the top front and back of the bus, until the children are safely across the street and the lights stop flashing.

Before proceeding, watch for children on the side of the road and drive very cautiously until you are out of the drop-off area.

Motorists should stop at least 20 feet from the bus.

Be prepared to slow down and possibly stop whenever you see a school bus.



Items Left in Cars When Parking and Walking Children on to Campus

When you are parking and walking your child onto campus, please remember to take valuables with you. It takes just seconds for an intruder to break a window or to open an unlocked door. Crimes of opportunity are committed without planning; when the intruder sees that they have the chance to commit the act at that moment, and seizes it. If you decide to leave particular valuables in your vehicle, conceal these items by placing them:

- In your glove box.
- The trunk of your car.
- Underneath the middle/center console.
- If there is enough space, and it's sturdy, hide them behind the glove compartment; there are all sorts of crevices in there to stash your items.

STRANGER DANGER



What Is Stranger Danger:

A reminder to our children, that an individual who they do not know personally can be dangerous, even if that stranger appears to be sweet, kind, or helpful.



Basic Stranger Danger Rules Include:

- Never get into a car with a stranger.
 - Never go anywhere with a stranger even when they claim to know your parents.
 - Never accept gifts or sweets from a stranger.
 - Never go off on your own without telling your parents or a trusted adult.
 - Tell your child to stay with friends and not go e.g. to the park on their own.
 - Encourage your child to yell, kick, scream, lie or even run away if they feel they are in danger.
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Safe Strangers:

There are many strangers who are dangerous, but there are just as many strangers who your child can turn to when they believe they are in danger.



Safer strangers will typically be wearing a uniform and could be Police Officers, Sheriff's Deputies, Security Specialists, Firefighters, or Paramedics.



Some safer buildings could be banks, libraries, medical centers, and their school campus.

PEDESTRIAN AWARENESS FOR MOTORISTS



What Should Motorists Look Out For:

Motorists should look out for pedestrians everywhere at all times. Safety is a shared responsibility. Observe the rules of the road and be aware when the school zone speed limit reduces. Always be prepared to slow and stop at crosswalk entryways. And never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk; there may be people crossing ahead who you may not see.



When Approaching a Crosswalk in a Vehicle:

Yield to the pedestrians in the crosswalk and stop well back to give other vehicles the opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.



Be sure to adhere to the rules of the crossing guard. If the guard is holding up a STOP sign, the entire lane is to immediately stop until all pedestrians and the guard have made it to the sidewalk. If the guard remains in the crosswalk with the STOP sign raised, even when no pedestrians are visible, remain stopped; there may be more pedestrians approaching from the rear which you may not see.



Always Drive Defensively, & Follow All Traffic Laws:

Our children are always at the forefront of our safety concerns. Be sure to abide by the posted speed limits especially when pedestrians are nearby, never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, reduce to slower speeds in school zones & in neighborhoods when children are present, & avoid using cellular devices i.e phones & tablets while behind the wheel. And remain extra cautious when reversing — pedestrians can easily walk into your path.



COVID CLINIC

COVID-19 Safety Tips

- Wear a mask to protect yourself and others in order to stop the spread of COVID-19.
 - Stay at least 6 feet from others that don't live with you.
 - Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. The more people you are in contact with, the more likely you are to be exposed to COVID-19.
 - Get a COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Clean your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
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Mission

Our mission is “to protect life and property and to ensure the academic tranquility of the staff and students of the Elk Grove Unified School District.” The division works 24 hours a day, seven days a week to service the district’s schools, students and staff.

The safety of students, staff, and visitors to all schools and support facilities in EGUSD is the Division of Safety and Security’s top priority.

The Division of Safety and Security provides:

- Incident management
- Security resources
- Emergency plan development and training
- Community outreach
- Safety and security monitoring on-site and off-site 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year

Youth Services— Community Outreach

Our Youth Services—Community Outreach Division was out at Rutter Park for Unity in the Community on Sunday, July 25th.

Families enjoyed free hamburgers, hot dogs and snow cones. Free life jackets were given to the first 100 kids who attended and visited the booth of the Sheriff’s boat detail. There were over 30 bicycles raffled off.

K-9 officers did a demonstration with the red man suit. Kids and adults had the opportunity to sit in Sheriff’s helicopter.

Everyone left a winner at EGUSD Safety and Security Youth Services booth when spinning wheel !!

On Tuesday, August 3rd, we were out enjoying good food and conversations with people in the community for National Night Out.

