

# Sheppard Middle School

## Important Traffic and Safety Information for School Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Due to recent school closures, we anticipate increased traffic during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times as more students are commuting from outside the immediate area. In response, we are working closely with transportation experts from the City of San José's Department of Transportation to implement both immediate and long-term traffic safety and infrastructure improvements.

In the meantime, we ask all families to help keep our students safe by following these short-term traffic safety guidelines:

### If You Are Driving, use designated routes for drop-off and pick-up:

- **Option 1:**
  - Enter from **Francis Dr.** off of **McKee Rd.**
  - Turn left onto **Edison Dr.**, which continues into **Rough & Ready Rd.**
  - Drop off and pick up your child on **Edison Dr.** or **Rough & Ready Rd.**
- **Option 2:**
  - Enter from **Pat Ave.** off of **White Rd.**
  - Turn left onto **Francis Dr.**
  - Drop off and pick up your child on **Francis Dr.**, and allow them to walk to campus.
- **Option 3:**
  - Enter from **Rough & Ready Rd.** off of **Maybury Rd.**
  - Turn left onto **Pat Ave.**
  - Drop off and pick up your child on **Pat Ave.**, and allow them to walk to campus.
- **Option 4:**
  - Enter from **Rainfield Dr.** off of **N. Capitol Ave.**
  - Turn right onto **Rough & Ready Rd.**
  - Turn left onto **Pat Ave.**
  - Drop off and pick up your child on **Pat Ave.**, and allow them to walk to campus.
- **Safety Tips for Drivers:**
  - Only allow your child(ren) to exit or enter the vehicle from the **school side** of the street to avoid crossing traffic.
  - **Drive slowly** and remain alert for pedestrians and cyclists, especially near school entrances and crosswalks.
  - **Avoid blocking driveways, intersections, and crosswalks.**
  - **Do not double park**—it creates visibility hazards for others.

### If Your Child Is Walking, Biking, or Rolling to School:

- **For students living nearby:**
  - Walking is encouraged. Students are safer walking with a **trusted adult, sibling, or walking buddy.**
- **For students traveling from farther away:**
  - Biking, scooting, or skateboarding is a great option. Please ensure:
    - **All students wear properly fitted helmets.**
    - Students use **designated bike lanes or sidewalks** whenever possible.
    - Riders stay alert, follow traffic signs, and use hand signals when turning.
- **On Campus:**
  - We offer **designated bike/scooter/skateboard parking areas.**
  - Students must bring and use their **own bike lock** to secure their equipment.

### Thank You for Prioritizing Safety

We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to student safety. Together, we can ensure a smoother and safer experience for everyone during these high-traffic times.

