

SUNNYVALE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Dear Parents of Sunnyvale School Students,

Welcome to the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety is a strong supporter of the local Safe Routes to School Program, and your child's safety is our top concern. We invite you to join us in our ongoing efforts to provide the combination of education, enforcement, and engineering that is required to provide the safest school commutes for everyone in the community.

Educating young children in the proper way to safely walk and ride their bikes to school is very important. With your help, we can both achieve our common goal of getting your son or daughter to school safely. Please make sure to look at the reverse side of this letter for key safety tips for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. It is important to review this information with your children as well. By incorporating these safety tips into your daily routines, your children will learn safe habits that will last a lifetime.

You can also help us improve safety and reduce congestion along the school commute routes by choosing alternatives to commuting by vehicle alone whenever possible. Biking and walking to school provides a healthy alternative for the family. Carpooling with a neighbor also helps the reduction of traffic in and around the schools. If you find yourself driving to school, we ask that you share the road safely and use extra caution near school areas, or even drop off your child at the end of the block. It is important to keep a sharp eye out for bicyclists and pedestrians. Make sure that you and the occupants of your car are using their seatbelts properly and that they exit the vehicle on the sidewalk side. Allow yourself extra time and avoid the last minute rush.

Throughout this school year, the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety's Traffic Unit, Neighborhood Resource Officer Unit, and patrol personnel will be conducting enforcement efforts on school commute routes. If an officer observes a safety violation, a citation will most likely be issued. Some of the most common vehicle violations that occur near our schools are speeding, illegal U-turns, failure to obey posted signs, failure to stop at stop signs, cell phone violations, seat belt violations, and failure to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. In order to ensure a safe and orderly flow of traffic, parking violations such as parking in a red or loading zone, double parking, and blocking driveways will be enforced.

Let's all work together in order to have the safest school commute possible in Sunnyvale during the 2025/2026 school year. If you have any traffic enforcement questions or concerns please feel free to contact our traffic safety unit at 408-730-7109.

Sincerely

Daniel Pistor, Chief

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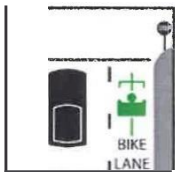
Safe Routes to School Tips

Share the road safely with all other users, no matter how you choose to get to and from school.

Use extra caution near younger students walking or biking to school.

Obey adult crossing guards. They are there to help everyone cross congested intersections safely.

Bike Safely



Be predictable. Obey all stop signs and traffic signals. Never ride the wrong way. The best way to avoid crashes as well as traffic tickets is to follow the same rules of the road that apply to car drivers.



Be alert. Watch out for drivers turning left or right, and for drivers coming out of driveways. Avoid car doors opening in front of you by riding outside of the door zone. Yield to pedestrians.



Wear your helmet and buckle it every time. It's the law. To best protect your brain, your helmet must fit properly: snug and level on your head, just above your eyebrows.

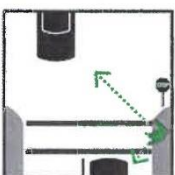


Be visible. Use a bright headlight and taillight at night. Avoid texting, phone calls, or listening to music while biking.

Walk or Skate Safely



Be alert. Look for cars coming from all directions before entering the street - including from behind you.



Cross at corners and crosswalks. This is where drivers expect to see pedestrians.

Don't assume drivers see you. Make eye contact before crossing intersections.

Share the Path Safely



Pedestrians have the right of way on walkways and paths. Give an audible warning when you pass on your bicycle.

Keep to the right and pass on the left.

Drive Safely

Slow down and use extra caution in school zones and along commute routes! Signal your turns and yield to pedestrians.

Help reduce traffic congestion near schools by carpooling with a neighbor whenever possible. Avoid the last minute rush.

Obey adult crossing guards and "No Right Turn on Red" signs posted at designated school intersections. This allows students to cross safely when no cars are turning through crosswalks.

Avoid making U-turns and other unsafe maneuvers that put other road users at risk.

When dropping off or picking up your student, follow school guidelines and always ensure that he/she exits or enters the car from the curb side.

Never double park or block access ramps. Never park or stop where prohibited such as in rezones. Do not leave your car unattended in white loading zones.

Avoid texting, phone calls and other distractions when driving.

Report traffic collisions to 911.

For non-emergency incidents contact 408-730-7180.

For traffic concerns contact 408-730-7109

Visit the Public Safety website at

<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/departments/publicsafety.aspx>

We welcome volunteers to help with Safe Routes to School events and programs! Contact your school SRTS Coordinator or contact us at:

Walk & Roll Safe Routes to School in Sunnyvale
(408) 730-7191

