Walk Smart!

Look Before You Cross. Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street or look over your shoulder for turning cars, especially at intersections.

Make Eye Contact. Don’t assume that drivers see you. Make eye contact before you cross the street.

Use the Crosswalk. Cross at corners or at a marked crosswalk. This is where drivers expect to see you.

Follow the Rules. Follow directions from crossing guards.

Be Visible. Walk where cars and bikes can see you. Wear bright clothes, and use lights and reflectors when it is dark outside.

Bike Smart!

Wear a Helmet. It’s the law. Helmets should fit snugly, sit level on your head, and always be buckled firmly under your chin.

Ride with Traffic. Ride on the right, in the same direction of traffic. Follow all signs and signals.

Share the Path. Pass walkers carefully on paths. Ring your bell or call “on your left” before passing.

Lock Your Bike. Always lock your bike frame and front wheel to the bike rack to prevent theft.

Make Eye Contact. Don’t assume that drivers see you, especially when entering or crossing a street. Make eye contact before you cross, even if it is your turn.

Be Alert. If biking on the street, watch for opening car doors and cars turning across your path.

Be Visible. Ride where cars can see you. Wear bright clothes, and use lights and reflectors when it is dark outside.

Be Predictable. Ride in a straight line and always signal your moves to others.

Davis Suggested Routes to School

Davis is one of the easiest places in the country to walk and bike. We’re lucky to have flat terrain, nice weather, and great bicycling and walking routes. Walking or biking establishes a healthy habit that can last a lifetime, and kids and adults who walk or ride to school can enjoy:

- A daily dose of physical activity
- Healthy target body weight
- Arriving at school attentive and ready to learn
- Improved test scores and better school performance
- Lower rates of depression and anxiety
- Traveling to school in a social and FUN way!

Get Involved!

Here are some ways you can help promote active transportation in Davis:

- Plan your walking or biking route with your student.
- Form or join a walking school bus or bike train. Walking school buses and bike trains are groups of students who walk or bike together to school with a parent or adult volunteer.
- Be a good role model by practicing good walking and biking behaviors. Students learn from watching what older people do, so follow traffic safety rules and set a great example.
- Volunteer! Your school has many events and opportunities. Contact your PTA or join the Davis Bicycles! Schools Committee.

Learn More

Easy Steps to Properly Fit a Bicycle Helmet
http://street-smarts.cityofdavis.org/resources

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Driver Safety Resources
http://www.nhtsa.gov/DrivingSafety

Davis Bicycles! Schools Committee
http://davisbicycles.org/Schools

City of Davis Street Smarts Program
street-smarts.cityofdavis.org

Active4.me Scanning Program
www.active4.me

Davis Joint Unified School District
www.djusd.net/saferoutes

Safe Routes to School Program
www.cityofdavis.org
530-757-5640
ridewalk@cityofdavis.org

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How to Use This Map

This suggested route to school map is intended to encourage adults and students to consider walking or bicycling to school. Adults are responsible for choosing the most appropriate option based on their knowledge of the different routes and the skill level of their student.

This map includes suggested routes as well as the locations of traffic signals, crosswalks, four-way stops, crossing guards, and off-street paths.

To see routes and areas beyond this map please visit: http://street-smarts.cityofdavis.org/

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Information:

Biking to School?
- Helmets are required.
- Bring your own lock and park your bike at the bike racks.
- Always follow directions given by the crossing guard.
- Students riding bikes must dismount when they reach campus.
- If using a crosswalk to cross the street, dismount and walk.
- Remember to always yield to pedestrians.
- Parents: Please review Rules of the Road with your children.

We do not encourage students younger than third grade to ride to school without an adult unless they have demonstrated an understanding of traffic laws and route planning.

Driving to School?
Please follow our school’s drop-off and pick-up traffic pattern:
- Please enter the school from the east. From Cowell Blvd, turn north onto Schmeizer Ave and west onto Hamel St.
- Turn right into the drop-off/pick-up loop and right out out of the drop-off/pick-up loop.

Please observe all loading and parking restrictions indicated by colored curb in the parking lot.

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