

# LET'S GET TO SCHOOL SAFELY!

Fairfax County Public Schools Safe Routes to School program encourages students to walk, bike and roll to school when and where it is safe.

## WALK SAFELY



**STOP** at the edge of the street or curb



**LOOK** left, right, left and behind you



**MAKE EYE CONTACT** with drivers



**CROSS** at corners or at marked sidewalks

## BIKE SAFELY

### BE PREDICTABLE

Follow all traffic laws and stop at stop signs. Bicyclists are permitted to ride on sidewalks in Fairfax County. Discuss with a trusted adult whether to ride on the street or sidewalk along your route to school.

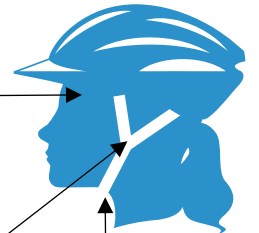
Be aware of traffic. Ride single file in the direction of traffic.

Ride on the right side of the road in a straight line. Avoid the door zone of parked cars.

Use lights when riding at night.

### WEAR YOUR HELMET

Your helmet should cover the forehead and rest just above your eyebrows



Straps should form a V under your ears when buckled.

Tighten the strap so it is snug under your chin

### USE HAND SIGNALS



**RIGHT TURN**



**SLOW OR STOP**



**LEFT TURN**

## DRIVE SAFELY

### SLOW DOWN

Watch and stop for students and families crossing, especially when other vehicles block your view.



### PARK SAFELY

Park, stop, and load students only in designated spaces.

### FOLLOW TRAFFIC LAWS

Avoid U-turns and keep crosswalks, accessible parking spaces, fire hydrants, bus stops, and driveways clear.

## SAFETY TIPS

There is safety in numbers! Start a walking school bus or biking train in your neighborhood.

Coordinate times when the group will walk or roll past each student's house for pickup. Rotate parents who can walk or bike with the group.

Consider dropping off at a safe location away from the school to reduce pollution around the school and allow your student to get the benefits of walking or rolling to school.

