

How to Use this Map

This suggested route to school map helps parents and students get to and from school in the safest and most direct way possible.

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

Half-Mile and Mile Zones

If you live within a half-mile or a mile from school, commuting on foot or bicycle can be just as convenient as driving, and much more fun. It can also be a great way for you and your child to get regular exercise, and for your child to get to school ready for to learn.

Pick a day and use the map to find the best route to school from your home. Even one or two days can make a big difference - for you, your child, and the environment. Already walk or bike? Use the map to help choose the best routes to explore new areas around your school.

Drive Safely

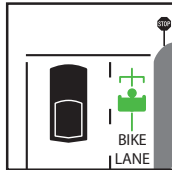
- Slow down and use extra caution in school zones and along commute routes! Signal your turns and yield to pedestrians.
- Help reduce traffic congestion near your school by carpooling with a neighbor and avoiding the last minute rush whenever possible.
- Obey adult crossing guards and "No Right Turn on Red" signs posted at designated school intersections. This allows students to cross safely without cars turning through crosswalks.
- Don't make 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, block access ramps or stop where prohibited.
- Avoid texting, phone calls and other distractions when driving.

Parents: Help your student learn how to share the road safely with other users. Children who regularly practice safe walking and biking skills are more likely to make safer choices as teenagers.

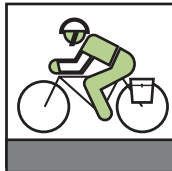
Bike Safely



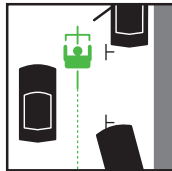
Wear your helmet and buckle it every time. It's the law. To best protect your brain, your helmet must fit properly: snug and level on your head, just above your eyebrows.



Be predictable. Obey ALL stop signs and traffic signals. Always ride on the right hand side. The best way to avoid bike crashes as well as traffic tickets is to follow the same rules of the road as apply to car drivers.



Be visible. Wear bright and reflective clothing. Use headlights and taillights.

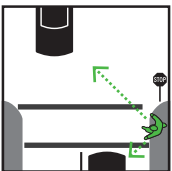


Be alert. Watch out for drivers turning left or right, or coming out of driveways. Avoid car doors opening in front of you by riding out of the door zone. Yield to pedestrians.

Walk or Skate Safely



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



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

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

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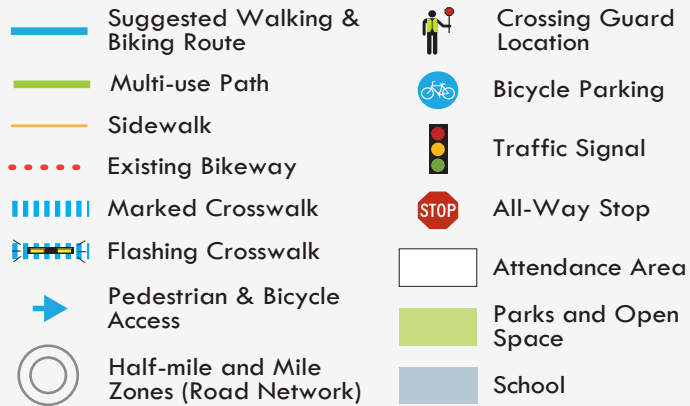
Los Altos Suggested Routes to School



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SUGGESTED ROUTES



Enlargement Map

