



# Albany Police Department

## Community Bulletin



# Back to School Transportation Safety

Whether students walk, ride their bicycles or get a ride to school, it is extremely important that students and families take proper safety precautions. Here are some tips to help your child safely travel to school.



### Walking to school

Review your family's walking safety rules and practice walking to school with your child

- ◇ Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available. When on a street with no sidewalk, walk on the side facing traffic
- ◇ Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right, and left again to see if cars are coming
- ◇ Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections
- ◇ Stay alert and avoid distracted walking



### Riding a bicycle to school

Teach your child the rules of the road and practice riding the bike route to school with your child

- ◇ Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in single file
- ◇ Come to a complete stop before crossing the street, walk bikes across the street
- ◇ Stay alert and avoid distracted riding
- ◇ Make sure to always wear a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing



### Driving to school

Stay alert and avoid distracted driving

- ◇ Obey speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure
- ◇ Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street
- ◇ Avoid blocking the crosswalk when making a right-hand turn.

*Follow any school guidance related to dropping off or picking up students, as well as physical distancing and face covering requirements.*