Safe Routes to School

Viewlands Elementary School

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Safety tips for students and families walking to Viewlands Elementary School. Guidance provided by City of Seattle Transportation department.
To improve safety for families and kids walking and biking to school along N 105th St, drivers will no longer be able to continue west on N 105th St through the intersection with Greenwood Ave N.

Why are we making this change?
Families living east and southeast of N 105th St and Greenwood Ave N are walking and biking to school at higher rates since there is no general education bus service. There is a greater need for social distancing space and safety along this corridor to Viewlands.

How long will this change be in place?
The barricade will be in place behind the crosswalk on N 105th St at Greenwood Ave N until the end of the school year.
WALK AND RIDE SAFE!

Walking and biking is a fun, healthy and sustainable way to get to and from school.

HOW TO FIND THE SAFEST ROUTE FROM YOUR HOME TO SCHOOL

- Pick streets where there are sidewalks or paths separated from traffic, when possible.
- When you can, choose neighborhood streets instead of busy main streets.
- When biking, use trails, neighborhood streets, and protected bike lanes.
- Cross busy streets where there are traffic signals, stop signs, crossing beacons, school crosswalks, or crossing guards.

WALKING SAFETY TIPS

- Pay attention. Don’t be distracted by your cell phone or headphones.
- If there’s no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the street, as far from traffic as possible.
- Look left, right, and left again at all intersections.
- Make eye contact with people driving before crossing.
- Walk, don’t run across the street.
- Follow the instructions of crossing guards and school patrol.

BIKING SAFETY TIPS

- Gear up. Always wear a helmet and use bike lights.
- Pay attention. Don’t be distracted by your cell phone or headphones.
- Ride predictably and use hand signals when stopping and turning.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic when on the street.
- If riding on a sidewalk, ride slowly and yield to people walking.
- Look left, right, and left again at all intersections.

- Walk your bike across busy streets.
- Obey all stop signs and red lights.