



La Cañada Elementary

TRAFFIC SAFETY INFORMATION

We need your help to keep the school and your children safe. EVERY child's safety is important to us. It remains our highest priority to ensure that students enter and exit cars in a safe and organized way. Please follow the traffic patterns and rules. They are designed to make the traffic flow better and help keep all our children safe. Failure to do so creates chaos, frustration and unsafe conditions. Each family should discuss these loading and walking procedures with each other and those who drive your child to or from school.

General Precautions

- ☺ Be your child's best example. Please be courteous and follow all safety guidelines at all times.
- ☺ Avoid peak times and places. Please plan to arrive ten minutes earlier in the morning and plan an afternoon meeting spot beyond the busy school entrances.
- ☺ Our local streets are very narrow. Please drive slowly and watch for children!
- ☺ Follow all directions from school safety personnel. They can see potential problems you can't.
- ☺ Use sidewalks and crosswalks to cross streets.
- ☺ Devote more time and be extra cautious on rainy or foggy days.

Walking and Biking to School

- ☺ Always follow the Suggested Walking Route to School map for La Cañada Elementary School.
- ☺ Walk in a group with neighboring students whenever possible.
- ☺ Use sidewalks and walkways where possible, even if it means walking farther.

- ☺ If walking along La Canada Boulevard north of the school, use the sidewalks on the west side.
- ☺ Cross only at corners or marked crosswalks. Look left, right, left and over your shoulder before crossing.
- ☺ Make eye contact with drivers to make sure they see you. Let oncoming traffic pass before crossing.
- ☺ Stop and look around parked cars or other objects that block your view of traffic.
- ☺ 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are encouraged to bicycle to school. Follow the Suggested Routes to School map.
- ☺ When riding a bike, wear bright colors and a helmet.
- ☺ Walk your bike across busy intersections, and use hand signals before making a turns or stopping.

Driving to School

- ☺ PULL FORWARD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN THE DROP-OFF/PICK-UP AREAS.
- ☺ No stopping or loading in travel lanes. Line up in single line only.
- ☺ Drop-off students within the Loading Zone limits only.
- ☺ Do not park or leave your vehicle within the Loading Zones.
- ☺ Keep pulling forward and fill in all gaps in the Loading Zone Lane.
- ☺ Please have your child ready BEFORE you pull up, including book bags and lunch.
- ☺ Do not take/place items in the trunk or walk between cars while in loading zone.
- ☺ Please do not exit your car to help your kids out – if they require assistance, you should wait and pull to the very front of the car line, or park and walk them into school.
- ☺ Students should enter and exit on the passenger side of the vehicle only.
- ☺ No U-turns or cutting in line. This is dangerous and unfair to others.
- ☺ Keep all red zones, fire hydrants, crosswalks and driveways clear.
- ☺ Do not park across the street and motion for children to cross midblock.
- ☺ Do not use the Staff Parking Lot or Loading Dock.
- ☺ Please put away your cell phones during carline drop off and pick up times.
- ☺ The speed limit is 25 mph in school zones.



Suggested Routes to La Cañada Elementary School