Student Safety Patrol Program

Hello Student Safety Patrol adult advisor! Thank you for helping to keep students and their families safe during arrival and dismissal. Use these steps to help form your school's Student Safety Patrol.

1

Check with your Principal about your school's Student Safety Patrol program and materials. If a program occurred in 2021, your school received Student Safety Patrol materials (vests, flags, and signs).
Connect with school staff to find these materials and/or apply for the WTSC School Zone Crossing Guard $300-$500 grant. This grant reimburses schools for crossing guard and student patrol materials and opens on August 1, 2022.

2

Watch the five AAA Adult Supervisor Training Modules.
The estimated time to watch is 1-hour.
(Shorter URL, same webpage: https://bit.ly/3rgymjG)

3

Plan when Student Safety Patrol will be working, which crosswalks they will patrol, or if they will help in other ways (valet, bus zone). Use your school's Suggested Walking Route Maps to see which crosswalks are school-designated crossings.
Having student patrollers available every day, morning and afternoon is ideal, but if that is overwhelming, pick a day(s) and time that works for the adult supervisor. Just make sure to be consistent, so families can rely on the patrollers.

4

Recruit students to join Student Safety Patrol.

- Provide flyers to 4th and 5th grade teachers
- Promote on social media using the images in the Student Safety Patrol packet
- Email families

5

Prepare students for patrol:

- Get the permission slip from each student's parent/guardian
- Give patrollers the training manual
- Have patrollers watch the AAA Patroller training video (20 minutes)
- Assign them days and times
- Tell them the meeting location to pick up their vest and flags each day

6

Patrol and enjoy! Being a student patroller is a lot of work and a commitment, and a wonderful way that students can help build school community. Be patient with them and make sure they know they are valued and appreciated.

Questions: Reach out to TPS Safety & Security office administrator, Cheri Ashbaugh at cashbau@Tacoma.K12.Wa.US or City of Tacoma's Safe Routes to School coordinator, Cailin Henley at chenley@cityoftacoma.org.