

# Point Defiance Elementary - Suggested Walking Routes

## Suggested Routes

- Walking Route with Sidewalk
- Use Caution: Missing Sidewalk

## Features Along Route

- Crosswalk
- School Crossing
- All Way Stop
- Traffic Signal

## Background

- Point Defiance Elementary
- Walk Boundary
- School
- Park or Open Space
- Waterbody
- School Enrollment Boundary



This suggested route to school map is intended to encourage adults and students to consider walking to school. Adults are responsible for choosing the most appropriate route for their children. Not all possible routes are labeled in this map and some sidewalks may not have curb ramps. Please cross at signalized intersections and at marked crosswalks when available. Learn about transportation options outside of the walk zone at: [tacomaschools.org/transportation](http://tacomaschools.org/transportation)

# LET'S GET TO SCHOOL SAFELY

Tacoma celebrates walking and rolling as normal and fun ways to get to school.



## WALK SAFELY



**STOP** at the edge of the street or curb



**LOOK** left, right, left and behind you



**MAKE EYE CONTACT** with drivers



**CROSS** at corners or at marked sidewalks

## BIKE SAFELY



### BE PREDICTABLE

**Follow all traffic laws** and stop at stop signs. Bicyclists are permitted to ride on sidewalks in Tacoma. Discuss with a trusted adult whether to ride on the street or sidewalk along your route to school.

**Be aware of traffic.** Ride single file in the direction of traffic.

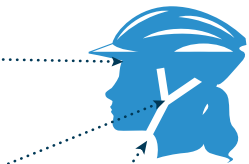
**Ride on the right side** of the road in a straight line. Avoid the door zone of parked cars.

**Use lights** when riding at night.

### WEAR YOUR HELMET

**Your helmet** should cover your forehead and rest just above your eyebrows.

**Straps should form a V** under your ears when buckled.



**Tighten the strap** so it is snug under your chin.

### USE HAND SIGNALS



Right Turn



Slow or Stop



Left Turn

## DRIVE SAFELY



### SLOW DOWN

Watch and stop for students and families crossing.

### PARK SAFELY

Park, stop, and load students only in designated spaces.

### FOLLOW TRAFFIC LAWS

Avoid U-turns and keep crosswalks, accessible parking spaces, fire hydrants, bus stops, and driveways clear.