

# Include Students When It's Too Far or Unsafe



## ✓ Set Up a Park and Walk Site

Park and walk sites are off-campus places, like parks, libraries, churches, or grocery store parking lots with enough space for kids and adults to congregate and for cars and busses to park or drop-off. This lets kids who can't walk or bike from home participate. Park and walk sites also help reduce traffic congestion near the school, which makes it better for walkers and bikers.

- Pick a site. Get approval from the person who owns or manages the site.
- Map out a safe route and walk it. This'll give you a better sense of timing and where kids may need assistance.
- Recruit volunteers to serve as chaperones and help kids across intersections. Reach out to local officials and law enforcement.
- Provide pedestrian safety education reminders before and during the walk.
- Let parents know where to go and the route kids will take.
- If the park and walk is successful, consider making it permanent!



## ✓ Organize a Walk at School or Neighborhood Walk-About

- Organized walks on school grounds or through nearby neighborhoods with safe routes are a great way to include kids who can't walk or bike from home. They can happen before, during, or after school...even on weekends!
- Map out a safe route and walk it.
- Recruit volunteers. Reach out to local officials and law enforcement.
- Provide pedestrian safety education reminders before and during the walk.
- Let parents know what it is happening. Permission slips may be required for neighborhood walk-abouts.
- Consider coordinating with other school or neighborhood events, such as mandatory emergency evacuation drill.

## ✓ Hold a Safety Assembly

- Assemblies are great way to educate students about pedestrian safety, personal safety, helmet use, bicycle readiness, and more. Potential speakers include law enforcement, safety advocates, bike/ped advocates... even students! Consider including as part of a SAFETY WEEK!

## ✓ Involve a Special Education Professional

- Special education professionals can help you plan an event that includes children with disabilities.

**QUESTIONS?**  
**We are here to help.**

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