

Rochester Community PTA Council –  
**SAFE ROUTES COMMITTEE**  
Working Together, We Can Keep Our Students Safe

## TRAFFIC FINES

Law Enforcement Agencies within Oakland County and the Rochester Community School District remind all drivers and pedestrians that they can be cited for failure to obey Michigan Law.

VIOLATION	FINE
• Failure to Yield to Pedestrian	\$125
• Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device (Stop Sign, No Parking Sign)	\$130
• Parking on a sidewalk	\$65
• Impeding normal movement of traffic	\$130
• Pedestrian Obstructing Traffic	\$130
• Pedestrian Failed to Obey Traffic Control Device	\$130
• Speeding in a School Zone	\$132 +
• Failure to Stop for a School Bus	\$255

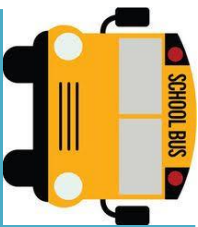
Fines are subject to change as required by Michigan Law.

## PARENT DROP OFF/PICK UP

If you decide to transport your child to and from school, it is your responsibility to follow the established parent drop off and pick up procedures to keep all children safe. Do not drop off or pick up your child on the street in front of the school. Take the time to drive through the parent loop. Stay focused on the task at hand: driving your vehicle and watching out for all children.

- Remember, DRIVERS MUST
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. This means stopping when necessary to let a pedestrian cross.
  - Yield even if there are no pavement markings at the crossings.
  - Only park in designated parking spots.
- Drivers may NOT pass other drivers.

# SAFETY TIPS



## BUS RIDERS

- Always stay away from the 10 foot danger zone around the bus, except when you are directed by the driver to get on or off the bus.
- NEVER pick up an object that you drop under or near the bus. Ask the driver for help.
- Always be sure the driver can see you.
- Make sure clothing and backpacks have no loose drawstrings or long straps that could catch in the handrail or bus door.
- When you see the bus coming, stand at the stop and wait for the bus to come to a complete stop.
- Always wait for the driver to signal that it is safe to cross the road and/or load into the bus.
- When crossing a traffic lane, always look left, right, then left again – cross only if approaching traffic has stopped.
- Never walk behind the bus or along the side of the bus.
- Only board your assigned bus, unless other arrangements are approved by your school.

## WALKERS

- Wear bright-colored clothes or wear reflective gear in low light or if it is dark.
- If listening to music, only wear one headphone or ear bud.
- Don't talk or text on your cell phone.
- Children under 10 years old should cross the street only with an adult.
- Walk on the side-walk if there is one.
- Walk facing the traffic, as far from the road/traffic as possible, if no sidewalk is available.
- Use traffic signals and marked crosswalks if available.
- Look for traffic at every driveway and intersection.
- Stop at the curb or edge of the road and look left, right, and left again for the traffic before crossing the street.
- Give drivers time to see you before crossing the street.
- Keep looking for cars while you are crossing.
- Walk, don't run.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.

## BIKERS

- Always wear a helmet that is properly fitted.
- Bike with a friend whenever possible.
- Always obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Ride on the right side of the road or trail in a single file (one bicycle behind another)
- Ride in the same direction as other vehicles.
- Make sure you have reflectors.
- Always use proper hand signals when turning and stopping.
- Yield to pedestrians and alert them with a bicycle bell or your voice when passing.
- Remember, bicycles are vehicles and rider must follow Michigan traffic laws.

