



Dear Families of Students Who Walk to Kent Prairie:

Walking to school each day can be part of a good exercise program that keeps your child healthy, fit, and ready to learn. As a further effort to encourage student safety, we are providing this school walk route information to support walking and safe pedestrian behaviors.

The walk route plan has been developed based on traffic patterns and traffic controls such as crosswalks, traffic lights/stop signs, and adult crossing guard locations. This map takes into consideration the number of street crossings children will make when they are on the main roads that connect each neighborhood. Our hope is that parents will seek to group children together to increase their visibility and safety.

Please help your child become familiar with your route by walking it together. Teach your child to cross the street only at safe locations. Also, practice good pedestrian behaviors with your child when walking the route together and following these safety recommendations:

- Wait for crossing guards before crossing where they are usually posted.
- Stop at the curb before crossing the street.
- Walk, don't run, across the street.
- Cross at corners, using crosswalks whenever possible.
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing.
- Walk facing traffic if possible.
- Make sure drivers see you before crossing in front of them.
- Watch out for driveways, alleys, or other places where cars may have trouble seeing you.
- Wear white clothing or reflectors when walking at night.
- Cross at least 10 feet in front of a school bus.

Kent Prairie Suggested Safe Walking Routes

1. Adult crossing guards are posted before and after school at the crosswalk at 207th and Stillaguamish (Burn Road). All students who cross 204th/207th Ave. N.E. need to cross there. Remember to tell your child to follow the adult crossing guard's instructions.
2. We have an additional crossing guard located in the bus lane located by the portables. Students and families who walk along the south side of 204th/207th can turn onto the marked walking path along the bus lane and then walk at the crossing located in the middle of the two portables.
3. Finally, we are adding a crosswalk and crossing guard in our front parking lot area to help students cross if they are walking on the southwest sidewalk leading up to the school. This will be located from the west side of the main entrance and across the parking lot.

Crossing guards are stationed at each of the above crossings from 8:55-9:10 and 3:40-3:50 each day.

Finally, we ask that students do not cross SR 9 or walk on Burn Rd. We ask that families do not cross in front of the school main entrance, but use one of the three other options listed above.

Picking up your student after dismissal

Many parents enjoy walking to pick their children up after school is over. In order to avoid congestion and provide a safe place to do this, students who are being picked up at school by their walking parents will be supervised in the gym until they are picked up. Parents can go to the gym door closest to the main entrance to meet up with their children. For this year, we ask that you socially distance while waiting. When it's your turn at the gym door, we will ask your child's name and have the child meet you at the gym door so that you don't need to come inside.

The routes will be reviewed yearly and may change as conditions along the route change. Please contact the school office if you have any suggestions regarding the walk route. Together we can work to make your child's walk to school a safe and enjoyable part of their day.

Sincerely,
Colleen Van Belle
Principal

