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BUS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

- 1. Be aware of warning lights at school crossings from around 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.; from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m; and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- 2. Drivers should observe the post speed limits throughout town, and non-posted speeds as stated in the State of Kansas Driver's handbook.
- 3. Use extra caution throughout all communities that have schools. Children often walk several blocks. Children should use crosswalks whenever possible.
- 4. In Kansas, a complete stop is required when a school crossing guard is displaying an official flag in a STOP position.
- 5. In Kansas, you must stop when meeting or overtaking a school bus, church bus or day care bus stopped to pick up or let off children. You must remain stopped until the STOP signal is retracted and the red lights are turned off. Approaching traffic in the opposite roadway of a divided high way shall not be required to stop, even if the school bus has the stop-arm extended and the alter nately flashing warning signal lamps on.
- 6. Students often ride bicycles to school. A bicycle is a slow-moving and highly vulnerable vehicle, and almost any time of collision will result in injury or death to the rider. Be especially careful when passing a bicycle. Sometimes the cyclist is inexperienced. Give a bicycle plenty of room, and be prepared for a quick stop.
- 7 Children should not get in a vehicle with any adult they do not know. If another adult is to pick a child up, that child's parent should explain this arrangement and introduce the child to the driver prior to the adult transporting the student.
- 8. Drivers should pull over when using their cellular phone. Please have your hands free and be alert when driving.
- 9. Motorists should watch for walkers, joggers and runners of all ages. Anyone who jogs or walks at night should wear bright and/or reflective clothing.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

- 1. Traffic safety is always a big concern, especially at Central Elementary because of the school's location on Main Street, according to Principal Sharon Gregory.
- 2. When dropping off your child on Main Street, please have him/her use the pedestrian stop light and the cross walk. If you drop your children off on 13th Street, please have them use the cross walk at the 4-way Stop. Please use cross walks around the other elementary schools The yellow zone on the south side of 13th is a loading/unloading zone for buses.
- 3. At Central, route buses load and unload on the west end of the block, and shuttle buses load and unload on the east end of the block.



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