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

Lowell Elementary - Suggested Walking Routes
Spring 2022
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, especially when other vehicles block your view.

- **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.

Learn more about Tacoma Safe Routes to School at: [cityoftacoma.org/SRTS](http://cityoftacoma.org/SRTS)