Whittier Elementary School has a School Street that is open for students and adults walking, rolling, and biking and closed to pass through traffic, including parents.

What is a School Street?
School Streets are open for people walking, rolling, and biking, and closed to pass through traffic, including parents. The goals are to:

- provide social distancing space for daily attestation at school start times
- reduce traffic congestion in front of schools
- encourage families to walk or bike to school or park a few blocks away and walk

When is a School Street in effect?
School Streets are in effect 7AM-5PM on school days.

With the designation of School Streets, it becomes okay to walk in the street to keep 6 feet apart.

How can I use a School Street when taking my child to and from school?

- When possible, walk, roll, or bike with your child to school
- If you must drive to school, try parking 1 block away and finishing the trip on foot
- Students provided with district transportation or with mobility needs can access the block

To learn more about School Streets visit our website at: www.seattle.gov/schoolstreets
WALK AND RIDE SAFE!

Walking and biking is a fun, healthy and sustainable way to get to and from school.

HOW TO FIND THE SAFEST ROUTE FROM YOUR HOME TO SCHOOL

✔ Pick streets where there are sidewalks or paths separated from traffic, when possible.
✔ When you can, choose neighborhood streets instead of busy main streets.
✔ When biking, use trails, neighborhood streets, and protected bike lanes.
✔ Cross busy streets where there are traffic signals, stop signs, crossing beacons, school crosswalks, or crossing guards.

WALKING SAFETY TIPS

- Pay attention. Don’t be distracted by your cell phone or headphones.
- If there’s no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the street, as far from traffic as possible.
- Look left, right, and left again at all intersections.
- Make eye contact with people driving before crossing.
- Walk, don’t run across the street.
- Follow the instructions of crossing guards and school patrol.

BIKING SAFETY TIPS

- Gear up. Always wear a helmet and use bike lights.
- Pay attention. Don’t be distracted by your cell phone or headphones.
- Ride predictably and use hand signals when stopping and turning.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic when on the street.
- Walk your bike across busy streets.
- Obey all stop signs and red lights.
- If riding on a sidewalk, ride slowly and yield to people walking.
- Look left, right, and left again at all intersections.

DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

- Slow down; 20 MPH is plenty.
- Pay attention and watch for other children and families.
- Stop for pedestrians [all intersections are legal crossings].