Detroit Public Schools

SAFE ROUTES PROGRAM
IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY CALL DPS-PD
313-748-6000

Safe Routes Program is a national movement to create safe, convenient and fun opportunities for children to travel to and from schools. The Safe Routes Program plays a critical role in the “Detroit Youth Violence Prevention Initiative” (DYVPI) and the transformation and impact on education around the entire City of Detroit.

Safe Routes As a part of the DYVPI, where Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies along with, City of Detroit Municipalities, i.e., Department of Lighting, Transportation, and Neighborhoods; Local Businesses, Community Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations and Citizens work collaboratively on a common goal “Keeping our Neighborhoods Safe”.

Lead by the Detroit Public Schools Police Department (DPS-PD), the purpose of the Safe Routes Program is to provide a safe environment for all Detroit Children and their families as they travel to and from school during normal school operating hours 7:00 am – 9:00 am, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm and 4:00pm – 8:00pm.

We are calling on all volunteers from schools, community and business organizations that are in a 2.0 mile radius of a school to assist with providing a safe route for students. Registration is open for everyone to become involved.

Radio Vehicle Patrol: Citizens, in their vehicles, will drive the identified routes, to include but not limited to, up to a 2.0 mile radius around the school. RVP Volunteers work on a regular schedule patrolling their neighborhood in highly-visible, specially-marked vehicles. RVP’s are familiar with the daily routines in the area and can quickly spot unusual occurrences.

Walking School Bus: Groups of children who walk designated routes to school under adult(s) supervision, picking up kids along the way just like a bus. For some, it’s a casual group walk, may wear “Yellow Jacket”, while others set up a formal plan with adults scheduled to walk on certain day.

Eyes and Ears: Is an observation and reporting initiative to assist the entire district/city with the daily observations in and around the school community (watch out for students and report suspicious behaviors, blight and tall grass, etc. regularly to DPS-PD by calling 313-748-6000.). We believe that all volunteers will become more familiar with their community and be able to recognize suspicious activities near and around schools on a regular basis.

Please complete the Registration form attached and return it to the Office of Parent and Community Engagement Fax # (313) 873-7446 or email safe.routes@detroitk12.org. If you need additional information please call 313-240-4DPS (4377) or 313-873-7490.

Thank you for your support
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GET INVOLVED FORM

SCHOOL NAME:

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION
(Please print)

FIRST NAME: ____________________ LAST NAME: ____________________

ADDRESS: ____________________ City: _____________ Zip Code: ________________

HOME PHONE: ( ) ______________ CELL PHONE: ( ) ______________ TEXT: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Email address: ____________________________________________________________

BETWEEN WHAT HOURS ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER? Please check all that apply(s):

☐ 7:00AM—9:00AM   ☐ 2:00PM -- 4:00PM   ☐ 4:00PM -- 8:00PM   ☐ Other: please specify ______

PLEASE SELECT ONE:

☐ Parent of a Child currently attending the school    ☐ Community Member/Individual

☐ Business, Type: ___________________________    ☐ Other: ___________________________

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TYPE OF INVOLVEMENT

Commitment Statement: I ___________________________ (Print your Name) understand the nature of the Safe Routes program and I would like to volunteer with the Safe Routes Initiative.

Please select all that apply:

☐ Radio Vehicle Patrol – Own your own vehicle, Possess valid Driver’s License and Insurance, and available to patrol.

☐ Walking School Bus – Parent and/or Community Stakeholder providing adult supervision of students walking to and from school

☐ Eyes and Ears – Parent(s), Individuals, Community Stakeholders, Faith-based Organizations, residents, etc. willing to obtain signage, watch out for students and report suspicious behaviors, blight and tall grass, etc. regularly to DPS-PD by calling 313-748-6000.

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