

Back to School: Tips for Safe Drivers

It's hard to believe, but summer has ended and the new school year is here. We hope you will always see the children walking to and from school, and notice the higher levels of traffic in our neighborhoods, which should impact the way we drive. Tragically, each year we injure and lose precious children due to accidents in and around bus stops, school zones, crosswalks and school buses. Your Sheriff's Department and San Dimas Sheriff's Station would like to ask for your assistance in taking a proactive role in ensuring the safety of school age children by observing these simple rules:

- Speed limit in school zones is 25 mph
- Double parking is not allowed when dropping off and/or picking up from school
- All children and adults must cross at an intersection or crosswalk
- Parking in red zones is prohibited
- No cell phone usage or texting while operating your vehicle
- Watch for school buses loading and unloading children. Cars must stop and remain stopped when a school bus displays "Stop" signs.
- Watch for children crossing in front of or behind vehicles
- Yield to children while they are crossing the street
- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or biking to school

As a reminder, students must be in school or under the direct supervision of a parent/legal guardian between 8:00a.m. and 2:30p.m.

