

BACK TO SCHOOL.



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As the academic school year begins in Baltimore City, it is typically filled with congestion – school buses are picking up student passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, and parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It is important for us at DOT to inform drivers/parents to slow down and pay attention when kids are present, especially before and after school.

Parents

- We encourage parents to follow your school's rules about dropping off your child at school. Most schools ask that you do not drop off your child in the same area as the bus drop off. This is to avoid traffic congestion and to reduce the chance of injury to your child.
- If you are the parent of a child that will be walking to school, walk your child's route with them before the first day. Point out the safe places to cross the street and point out areas of danger.
- Encourage your children to look, listen and be aware of traffic. Be sure your children wear helmets if biking to school

Motorists

- Motorists are reminded that next week is the start of the 2018-2019 academic school year. Motorists should plan ahead for traffic delays by allowing additional travel time and utilizing alternate routes.
- When driving prior to school and at dismissal time, be aware of increased traffic around the schools.
- As a driver, it is your responsibility to know where designated school zones are and to adhere to the posted speed limit.
- We encourage all motorists to watch for our crossing guards and stop when directed.
- When approaching a school bus activating its flashing red lights, you must stop until the lights stop flashing.
- As we begin the first week of school, we want to remind motorists to stay alert and take extra traffic safety precautions as students walk, bike and ride the bus to school. #drivesafeBmore
- We urge motorists to remember when approaching a marked school zone, obey the posted speed limit and be aware that children may be attempting to cross the street.
- Motorists should be cautious of school zones and remember that children have unpredictable behavior.