

Riverview Elementary
Safe Walking Route Plan
2019-2020

In accordance with state standards, Riverview Elementary School has identified school access routes for Riverview Elementary School students who live within the walk boundary established for the school. A map showing the identified routes can be viewed by following the link below.
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The intent of a safe walk route plan is not to identify every school access route or to identify the more convenient school access routes; it is to identify main walk/bike routes that are considered safer school access routes. Care has been taken to consult with local law enforcement, school PTA and School Community Council representatives, and the District's traffic safety committee in establishing these school access routes. Despite broad consultation and unanimous agreement from all parties involved in establishing these routes, no one, including the Nebo School District and Riverview Elementary School can guarantee that the agreed upon school access routes are or will ever be completely free from hazards.

Parents are encouraged to walk or bike the school access routes with their child/children, to address specific concerns they may have, and to instruct their child/children to obey the laws and rules pertaining to pedestrian safety. If a parent feels their child/children should use a school access route that is not identified in this plan, it is a parent's prerogative.

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1. **The walking routes on the street system within the school boundaries:** We encourage parents to walk the route to school with their child prior to the start of school. (See Map)
Bus Areas: Riverview students who are bussed live south from 1230 West.
 - a. Students living south of the Sports Park Complex should use the path/trail through the sports complex and cross with the crossing guard on W. Park Drive.
 - b. Students living in the River Cove area should use River Hill Road toward the sidewalk leading to 900 S, and follow the sidewalk to W. Park Drive. When they arrive at school they should take the yellow path around the back of the parking lot to the school. Those students on the east side of 900 South should follow the sidewalk/path to the crossing guard.
 - c. Students living in the Spanish Fields area should travel south on Spanish Fields Dr. to W. Park Drive. Those on the east side of Spanish Fields should walk down 800 W to 750 W and continue to Wes Park Dr. All students should use the sidewalk to Riverview Elementary. When they arrive at school they should take the yellow path around the back of the parking lot to the school.
 - d. Students should travel to Spanish Fields Dr. and then continue east on W. Park Drive until they reach Riverview Elementary. When they arrive at school they should take the yellow path around the back of the parking lot to the school.

- e. Students living in the Spanish Trails/Wildflower area should walk/ride south to Volunteer Drive, crossing at the crosswalk at Volunteer Drive and 400 W.
 - f. Students should travel to 100 S. and proceed south to 400 W. toward Volunteer Drive. They should cross with the crossing guard at Volunteer Drive and 400 W.
2. **School location:**
- a. Riverview Elementary is located at 628 S. West Park Drive, Spanish Fork, Utah.
3. **Existing traffic controls:**
- a. There are no traffic lights affecting the walking routes of Riverview Elementary. There are appropriate stops signs at intersections. There are appropriate parking lot markings.
4. **Established school crossing:**
- a. There is a school employee crossing students at Volunteer Drive and 400 W. There is a city crossing guard in front of the school on W. Park Drive. An additional crossing guard is at Volunteer Drive and 400 W, replacing the need of the school employee cross guard.
 - b. Josephine Paxton, from the city, observed the crosswalk concern that has been brought up by concerned parents. Her recommendations: After review and a visit to the elementary school during school release, our opinion is that the current crosswalk location is the most viable option and is safe so long as correct safety precautions are in place. The current safety precautions include the appropriate school crossing sign installed on both approaches of the street to warn road users of the crosswalk, teachers stationed at points of concern, and the crossing guard at the crosswalk to ensure the safety of the pedestrians. We support Brandon Anderson that moving the crosswalk to the spot between the two drop-off/pick-up loops would increase congestion; I don't believe this would improve safety. The recommendation I would give at this point is to continue to strictly enforce that students (1) use the sidewalks, (2) only cross the road where a teacher or crossing guard are stationed, and (3) don't cross any of the parking lots when walking to the school entrance or their parents.
5. **Loading/unloading areas for bus students & parent drop off areas:** (See Map)
- a. The parking lot is marked with signs indicating exits and entrances. These areas are patrolled before and after school by school faculty members.
 - b. Bus loading area is marked and patrolled by school faculty before and after school.
 - c. Students may be dropped off/picked up at one of the two drive through lanes located in front of the school – off W. Park Drive. There is also a parking lot west of the school where parents can drop off/pick up students. These areas are patrolled by faculty members before/after school.
6. **An explanation of the plan:**
- a. This narrative with the map is the explanation of the plan.
7. **Instructions to parents to walk the route with their children:**
- a. This narrative is available to parents along with the map. Parents are asked to walk the route with their children to ensure best access from individual homes to the main routes indicated on the plan.
 - b. These instructions are made available on the school website, riverview.nebo.edu, and made available to all parents at the school open house.

8. Areas of concern:

- a. The amount of traffic on W. Park Drive before and after school is daunting. An enter only/exit only arrow will be painted on the surface of the parking lot with accompanying signage at the entrance of the lot.
- b. A red curb striping/traffic cones will be used will be used the last 20 feet of the West drop off zone. The red curb increase the line of vision for pedestrians and supervision and discourage vehicles from stopping, standing or parking.

9. Items of note:

- a. Many parents park on the curb in front of the school. This makes it very difficult for cars to adequately see the road when pulling out of the school.
- b. Due to the large number of cars in the drive through/drop off lanes, many parents park in the drive through lane to wait for their child, thus causing more congestion and unsafe crossing conditions for students.