# GAA Traffic Rules and Guides

Please review the document in its entirety as there are important rules and disclosures that will help ensure a smooth Pick Up/Drop Off and more importantly help to maintain the safety of all especially the children.

• If you have any questions regarding this document or the pick up and drop off procedures for GAA please contact the school office at (661) 206-3750

### **General Rules**

- School grounds open promptly at 7:20AM. Students should not be left unattended at school prior to the gates opening. The school provides no adult supervision prior to 7:20AM
- The speed limit on N-8 is 25MPH
- DRIVE SLOWLY in the GAA parking lot as people might be hidden by large vehicles or children may dart out unexpectedly
- Always look before turning in the parking lot or on major roads as a child was recently hit on a street corner
- Instruct your children on the safest route to school if they walk or ride their bike
- The main parking lot is for parking only. It is not designated for drop off in the morning unless they are being escorted by an adult to the front of school
- No drop off or pick ups are allowed on Avenue N-8
- Parking is discouraged on N-8 in front of the school during school drop off/pick up time. Parking
  impedes traffic and driver visibility when they exit the school
- Students/parents should only cross N-8 at the corner of N-8 and Cloudberry St. This is the only point where a crossing guard is present to help ensure student/parent safety in traffic
- NO CELL PHONE USE or distracted driving in the white curb loading/unloading areas or in the drop off/pickup queue

#### **General Mapping**



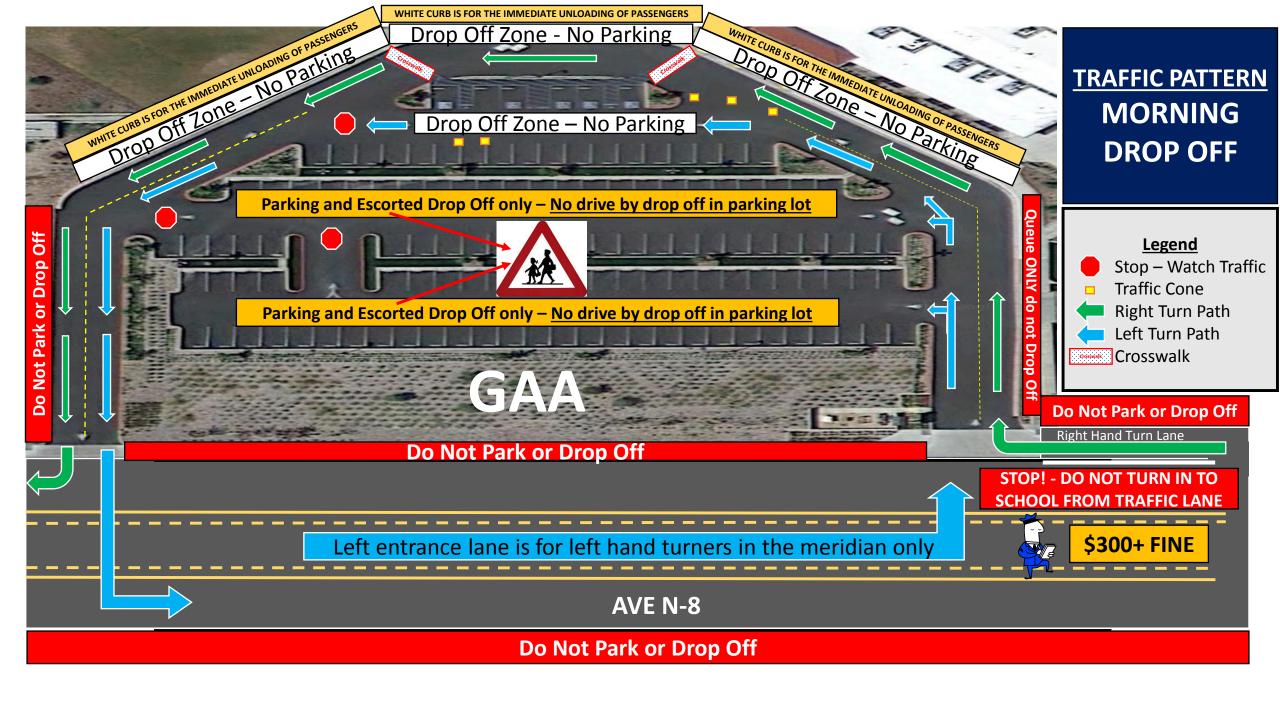
- Avenue N-8 can be accessed from 50<sup>th</sup> Street West or 55<sup>th</sup> Street West. If you intend to park in the morning or afternoon it is recommended to take the 55<sup>th</sup> Street route and turn left into the parking area
- To the West of Campus on the corner of N-8 and 55<sup>th</sup> Street West is a small housing track where you can park and walk your students to school.
- There is a housing track that can be accessed by Entrar Dr. or Cloudberry where persons can park and walk to the school if they do not want to enter the line or parking lot. The only crossing guard is located at Cloudberry and N-8. <u>This is the safest point for your children</u> to cross the street for school.

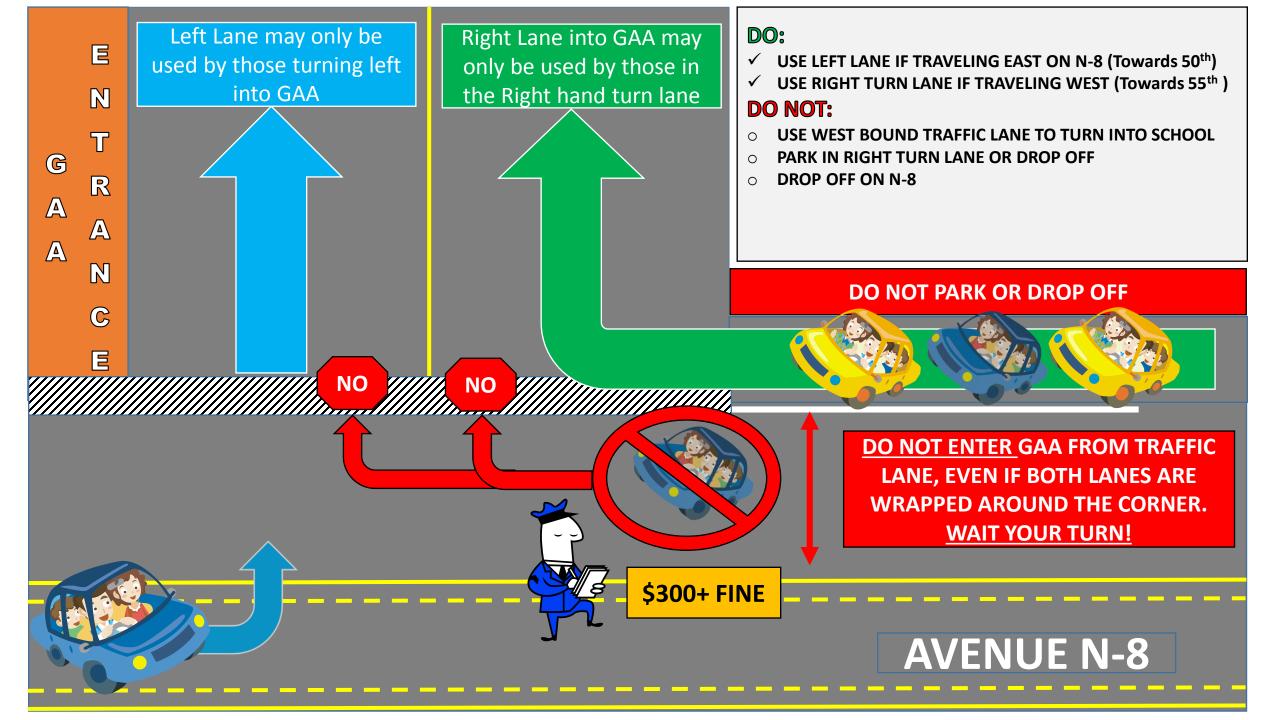
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- Drivers should refrain from parking in front of the school on N-8 in the morning and afternoon as it impedes traffic and reduces visibility from those exiting the school
- No children are allowed to be dropped off on Ave N-8. Children must be escorted by an adult to the front of school or be dropped off at the designated zones highlighted in this guide.

# Morning Drop Off

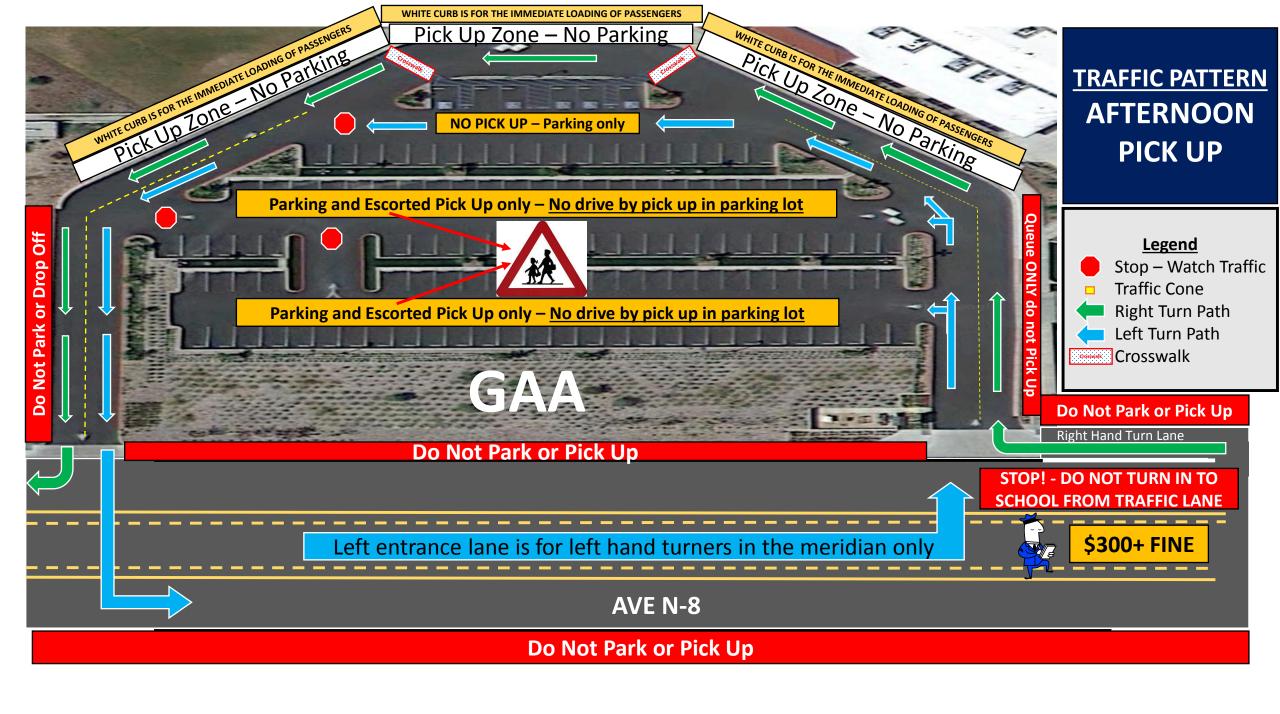
- School opens at 7:20AM. No student should be left unattended prior to the school opening. There is no adult supervision provided by the school until 7:20AM
- If arriving prior to 7:20AM, please drop off in a designated unloading zone or park and escort the student(s) to the gate. (NO stopping or parking in drop off loop!)
- There two designated drop off areas at GAA each are accessed by individual routes:
  - For those coming to campus on N-8 going west (towards 55<sup>th</sup> St) use the right hand turn lane in front of the school (DO NOT turn into the school from the through traffic lane, local police do issue tickets for illegal turns if present, <u>\$300+ FINE</u>)
  - For those coming to campus on N-8 going east (towards 50<sup>th</sup> St) queue in the center median and turn directly in the left lane of the entrance
- Drop offs can occur in the left lane or right lane. There are two crossing guards in the parking lot for those dropping off in the left lane. Adults dropping off children in the right lane should only do so when they reach a white curb in front of the school. DO NOT park or drop off your children in the right hand turn lane
- Keep the line moving, please pull up to the vehicle in front you keeping gaps in the crosswalk locations
- Obey all directions given by staff when directing traffic
- DRIVE SLOWLY Be mindful that persons can be blocked from view by high profile vehicles or children may dart out unexpectedly
- The parking lot is ONE WAY ONLY. There are two exit lanes. The right lane is for right turns only. The left lane is for left turns only
- A tardy is given when a student arrives late to school without an authorized excuse (see handbook). If a student receives more than 1 tardy in a semester the child will receive detention:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Tardy = a warning
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tardy = Recess detention
  - 3 or more = Recess and Lunch detention
  - Once any detention is given the student may not participate in "Free Dress"





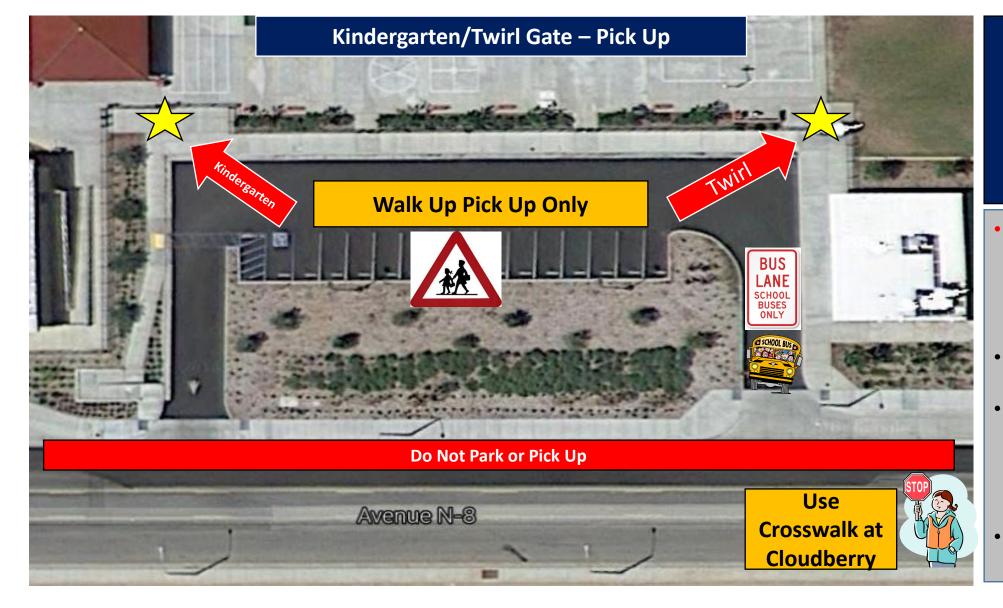
## Afternoon Pick up – Front Gate & E Gate

- School dismisses at the following times: 1:45PM K-3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:50PM 4<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> and 2:05 FS
- There is one designated drive by pick up line for those exiting at the front gate:
  - For those coming to campus on N-8 going west (towards 55<sup>th</sup> St) use the right hand turn lane in front of the school (DO NOT turn into the school from the through traffic lane, local police do issue tickets for illegal turns if present - \$300+ FINE)
- If you are parking, use the 55<sup>th</sup> Street west route to the school and enter the parking area from the left lane
  - For those coming to campus on N-8 going east (towards 50<sup>th</sup> St) queue in the center median and turn directly in the left lane of the entrance
- Keep the line moving, please pull up to the vehicle in front you keeping gaps in the crosswalk locations
- Obey all directions given by staff when directing traffic. Do not engage staff in conversations. Do not honk your horn
- DRIVE SLOWLY Be mindful that persons can be blocked from view by high profile vehicles or children may dart out unexpectedly
- The parking lot is ONE WAY ONLY. There are two exit lanes. The right lane is for right turns only. The left lane is for left turns only
- A tardy is given when a student is picked up after 2PM at school. If a student receives more than 1 tardy in a semester the child will receive detention (Disclaimer: If there is a still a line of cars waiting to pick up students after 2PM a tardy will not be given):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Tardy = a warning
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tardy = Recess detention
  - 3 or more = Recess and Lunch detention
  - Once any detention is given the student may not participate in "Free Dress"



# Afternoon Pick up – Kindergarten/Twirl Gate

- School dismiss at the following times: 1:45PM K-3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:50PM 4<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> and 2:05 FS
- There is one designated pick up location for Kindergartners (gate next to cafeteria):
  - Park in the residential areas or school parking lot and walk to the gate by the cafeteria and the shaded lunch area
- DO NOT PARK in the small parking lot next to the playground. This area is reserved for the Functional Skills buses
- If you are parking in the GAA main lot, use the 55<sup>th</sup> Street west route to the school and enter the parking area from the left lane
  - For those coming to campus on N-8 going east (towards 50<sup>th</sup> St) queue in the center median and turn directly in the left lane of the entrance
- Use the crossing station at Cloudberry and N-8 to cross the street. Do not cross the street at other points on N-8



TRAFFIC PATTERN AFTERNOON PICK UP: Kindergarten Twirl

- **DO NOT** park in the small parking lot next to the Kindergarten pick up location. <u>This is for **buses** only</u>
- Kindergarten pick up is WALK UP ONLY
- Park on N-8 next to the field or in the residential area which can be accessed by Entrar Dr. or Cloudberry St.
- Use the crosswalk at Cloudberry

#### TIPS

- In the morning if you intend to park or want to avoid traffic getting into the main parking lot arrive prior to 7:15AM park in the parking lot and wait with your child 5 minutes until the gates open to escort your child to the front gate
- In the afternoon if you are doing walk up pick up at the Kindergarten and Twirl Gate arrive at ~1:28PM to find a close spot in the residential area or the N-8 curb next to the field
- If you are planning to park in the main parking lot for either drop off or pick up, use the 55<sup>th</sup> St. West access point and enter the parking lot from the left lane. (Changing lanes in the cramped space of the parking lot can cause accidents and impede traffic)
- Make sure that you register all persons picking up your student with the front office beforehand
- Remain Calm All drivers are going through the same process each day