

SAFETY FIRST AT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

“Rules of the Road” at Riverside School

Dear Parents, your child(ren)’s safety is our #1 concern at Riverside School. We continue to witness *unsafe actions by drivers* during the busy times of drop-off and pick-up that put children and adults in danger of injury and property in danger of damage. The intent of the “Rules of the Road” is to create a safe environment for all.

Please carefully read the rules below and follow them at all times during drop-off and pick-up. **Please share these rules with your spouse, caregiver, grandparents, or anyone else who may be dropping off or picking up your child from school. Then, please sign below and return this page to Riverside School.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this important matter.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- 1) Please **be aware of pedestrians and bike riders** around the school. Use your signal every time you make a turn, so that those around you are aware of your intended route.
- 2) The entrance to the parking lot off Drinkwater Place (nearest the train tracks) is **one way**. Exit the parking lot by following traffic past the gym and turning right to merge with cars coming through the front driveway.
- 3) NO TEXTING – It should go without saying how dangerous this is at any time while operating a vehicle. And yet it still happens regularly at school drop-off and pick-up. Please do not set this unsafe example for our children.

MORNING DROP-OFF

- 1) DRIVERS MUST STAY IN CAR WHEN USING THE FRONT DRIVEWAY - Drivers MUST stay in the car in the driveway. Only children may exit a car.
- 2) VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP – Safety volunteers help students exit vehicles using the front driveway. Volunteers can also help get student belongings such as bags and instruments from the car and/or trunk.
- 3) PARK LEGALLY - If you need to get out of the car, find a LEGAL parking spot, park, and then exit your vehicle. **There are no legal parking spots in the front driveway!**
- 4) CURBSIDE EXIT - Children may ONLY exit from the passenger side of the car.
- 5) NO LEFT LANE EXIT - Do not drop off your child from the left lane of the driveway.
- 6) NEVER BACK UP - Never back up in the driveway. This is extremely unsafe for kids, you, and your car.
- 7) NO LINGERING - After your child exits the car, promptly leave the driveway SAFELY – use blinkers!
- 8) NO DRIVEWAY PARKING - Never park your car in the driveway at any time of day.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP

- 1) DRIVEWAY PICK-UP ONLY FOR GRADES 3-5 - Only children in grades 3-5 are permitted to walk to a car in the driveway. Parents of children in grades K-2 are required to park elsewhere and meet their child at their dismissal door.
- 2) DRIVERS STAY IN CAR - Drivers MUST stay in the car while waiting in the driveway. Unattended cars make it impossible for a fire truck to reach the building in an emergency. Please do not leave your engine running on idle; it pollutes the air our children breathe.
- 3) NO LINGERING - Once your child is in the car, promptly exit the driveway SAFELY – use blinkers! Please, no chatting!
- 4) NO LEFT LANE PICKUP – The left lane is for passing only. Do NOT block it or have your child walk to it!
- 5) PARK LEGALLY – There are many legal parking spots around the school and on nearby side streets - all within easy walking distance to the school. Please use these legal spots even if it means the extra few minutes might make you late for an appointment or practice. **And please no parking in the reserved spots near the gym** (marked with the Family name). This applies at all times, not just at pick-up and drop-off. And no parking in handicap spaces unless you have a permit to do so – it’s illegal. **There are no legal parking spots in the front driveway!**
- 6) DO NOT BLOCK PARKING LOT – Do not block legally parked cars in the parking lot. This is a recurring problem, and it is inconsiderate and blocks traffic for all. Please keep moving or park in a legal spot on a side street and walk over. Do not create “one more parking spot” at the end of a row.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO RIVERSIDE SCHOOL
