WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PLAN

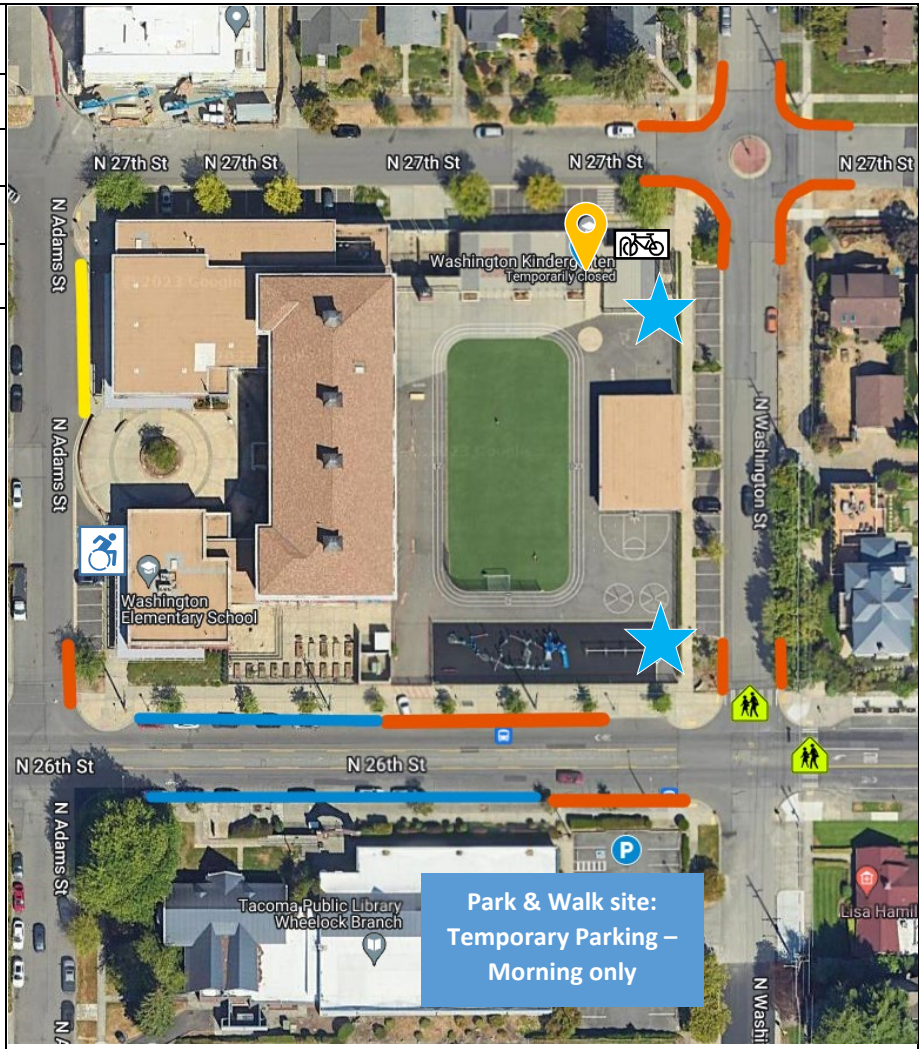
LEGEND

	Bus zone only - *No cars allowed*		
	Street parking		No parking or waiting Ⓟ
	School crosswalks – *Please use school crossings when feasible*		
	ADA parking only		Bicycle parking

GUIDELINES:

- Kindergarten: Enter through the doors on N 27th St.
- PreK and Grades 1-5: Walk through the playground gates on Washington St to drop-off or pick up your child.
- Please do not drop your child off before 8:50 AM (9:50 AM on Wednesdays). There is no supervision for students beforehand.
- Dropping off/picking-up your student directly from your vehicle is not permitted. If driving to or from school, you may either:
  1. Legally park in the neighborhood and walk your student into/from school. **Do not park within 30 ft of intersections, 20 ft of crosswalks, or block driveways when parking – even for a minute.**
  2. Park in the **Wheelock Library parking lot for morning drop-off only** and walk with your child to the gate entrance**.** You may use the lot in the afternoon only if you are visiting the library.
- Many families walk & roll to school! **Drive 20 mph or less** in the school zone, stop for people crossing the street, and watch for students walking and rolling.

Thank you for following these guidelines to keep Washington students & families safe!



Walk, bike, or roll to school to reduce traffic congestion, and improve safety and air quality around Washington.
Find Washington's *Suggested Walking Route Map* on our school's handbook webpage:
https://washington.tacomaschools.org/about/handbook

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ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL: TIPS for DRIVERS



Drop-off & Pick-up

- *Follow your school's arrival and dismissal plan and guidelines.*
- *Drive 20 mph or less in the school zone.*
- *Load and unload only in designated areas, not in the middle of the street.*
- *Help to keep air healthier around schools—do not idle your car while waiting.*



Parking

- *Follow street parking signage, including time-limited regulations.*
- *Do not park in a crosswalk or within 20 feet of a crosswalk.*
- *Do not double park or block driveways. Give driveways 5 feet on each side.*
- *Do not park within 30 feet of a stop sign or within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.*



School Buses

- *If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the arm is extended, all traffic must stop.*
- *The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space.*
- *Be alert. Children may be unpredictable when entering and exiting buses.*



Pedestrians

- *Stop for people crossing the street. Remember—every intersection is a crosswalk whether it is marked or not.*
- *Always follow a crossing guard's instructions. Stop when they hold up a flag.*
- *Never pass a vehicle stopped for people crossing the street.*
- *Yield to people walking when entering or exiting driveways.*



Bicyclists

- *When passing a person riding a bike, proceed slowly and leave a minimum of 3 feet between your vehicle and the bicyclist.*
- *Check your side mirrors or do the "Dutch Reach" before opening your door.*
- *Watch for people biking coming from driveways or behind parked cars.*

Walk, bike, or carpool to reduce traffic and pollution around schools, or park a few blocks away and walk the short distance to school.

More tips available at: cityoftacoma.org/SRTS

SAFE ROUTES to School
TACOMA, WA