



# La Costa Heights Traffic & Safety 2025-2026



Welcome! Creating a safe and positive environment for our students is an ongoing goal at La Costa Heights. We ask that you take a few minutes to review our procedures to ensure the safety of all our students.

## Kindergarten

Kindergarten is hand-to-hand dismissal. All Kindergarten students are to be dropped off and picked up directly to and from the kindergarten gate. Kindergarten parents must park in a legal parking place and walk their child to and from the gate. Drive Through Procedures do not apply to Kindergarteners.

## Drive Through Procedure – Front of School

- Enter the school driveway from the west end, turning right into the lot. No left turn into the parking lot.
- Enter the school driveway using the right lane and drive forward as far as possible. *\*Note: green curb access below.*
- Have your child(ren) ready to exit the car before you enter the lot (i.e., backpacks, water bottles, etc.)
- Have your child exit from the passenger side of your vehicle and step directly down to the curb.
- Loading and unloading is only permissible along the curb beginning at the “Start Pick Up/Drop Off” sign. Pull as far forward as possible along the white curb.
- Follow directions from staff and student leaders in the drive through.
- Follow all traffic safety laws and respect the directions of the personnel.
- Double parking and parking in red zones are prohibited.
- Remain in your car when dropping off children. Never leave the car in the loading/unloading area.
- Drive slowly and watch out for children as you exit. No left turns out of the parking lot.
- Do not drop off or pick up your children in the street. Obey all traffic laws.
- Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

## Walking/Wheels (bikes, scooters, etc)

- While on campus, stay on the sidewalk and walk your wheels. Bike/scooter riding is not permitted in the parking lot.
- Follow all traffic laws for biking and pedestrians (i.e. wear bike helmets, use crosswalks, etc.)
- If you do not walk with your child, groups of students should walk together. Students should not walk alone.
- Use designated crosswalks. Do not walk through the parking lot unless using the designated crosswalk.
- Teach your child safety rules: how to cross the street, not to talk to strangers, walking with friends, etc.

## Arrival and Dismissal

- Campus gates open at 7:45am. Students are not to arrive before this time as there is no supervision. The only exception is if your student is having the nutrition services breakfast, which starts at 7:30am. They are to stay at the lunch tables to eat their breakfast until at least 7:45am when supervision begins.
- Be sure your child knows your after school pick up plans (i.e. where to meet you, who is picking up, etc.).
- Follow the Drive Through Procedures for pick up and drop off.
- Do not walk through the parking lot. Crosswalks must be used at all times.
- Students must leave campus immediately after dismissal (2:20 Monday-Thursday and 12:45 on Fridays).
- Gates are locked promptly at 8:00am and will remain locked until 2:20pm (12:45 on Fridays).
- Staff on duty are not available for conferences or answering questions. They are responsible for student safety. Please refrain from having conversations with students and staff who are on duty.

## Green Curb

- The green curb in front of the school is designated for home-to-school transportation for students in special programs. **This is a loading zone and drivers are to stay in their vehicle.** Please refer to the signs adjacent to the green curb for specific time restrictions.

*Your patience and cooperation are needed following all of the procedures.  
You will ensure the safety for all students at La Costa Heights.*