

Dakota Hills Private Student Transportation

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians of Dakota Hills students,

This letter is primarily for parents or families of students who use private car transportation of children to and from Dakota Hills Middle School. We have experienced challenges with unsupervised students loitering in the school setting before and after school. With this, we need to remind parents that we do not provide before or after-school supervision for students unless they are in a school-sponsored activity.

E-Bike Restriction:

Minnesota State law prohibits individuals under the age of 15 from operating an electric-assisted bicycle per Minnesota state statute ([Sec. 169.222 \(e\) MN](#)). Students at DHMS are not to bring or ride e-bikes on school property at any time.

DHMS Student Day:

- 7:40 AM Students may wait in the DHMS foyer
- 8:05 AM Students are allowed into locker areas, classrooms, and hallways
- 8:20 AM First class of the day starts, then at 3:10 PM the last class ends
- 3:30 PM All students who are not in after-school activities must vacate the premises

Here are the needs the school has for parents who use private car transport for their children:

- 1) Do not drop your child off before 7:45 AM
- 2) Pick up your child by 3:30 PM (*unless they are in an after-school sport or club*)

Note: After 3:30 PM students who have not been picked up will be brought to an after-school homework help room. Children can leave the homework help room when ever their parent pick-up arrives, but the foyer is not a location for extended un-supervised time.

Bus and Car Safety Precautions:

The south side of DHMS now has one parent drop area: The south side loop directly in front of the main door #1 is for cars. The area further west (by the generator building) is solely for bus use during the day (no cars).

It is necessary for parents dropping off students to be patient, this can be slow process.

Since the very large majority of our students use bus transportation and 22 full-size buses serve our school, we reserve the bus corral for their right-of-way and access before and after school. *The only time parents should/could use the bus corral for parking is during an evening event: after 3:15 PM when bus routes are complete.*

Alternate Student Drop-Off:

The northeast part of the EHS lot (near the stadium) offers a safe and convenient drop-off point for parents.

Access in and out of the EHS east lot is very easy because the high school student day starts at 7:40 AM and ends at 2:30 PM... this creates a drop-off point that is free of buses and cars.

Bike racks are located on the southwest corner of DHMS, near the bus corral.

