

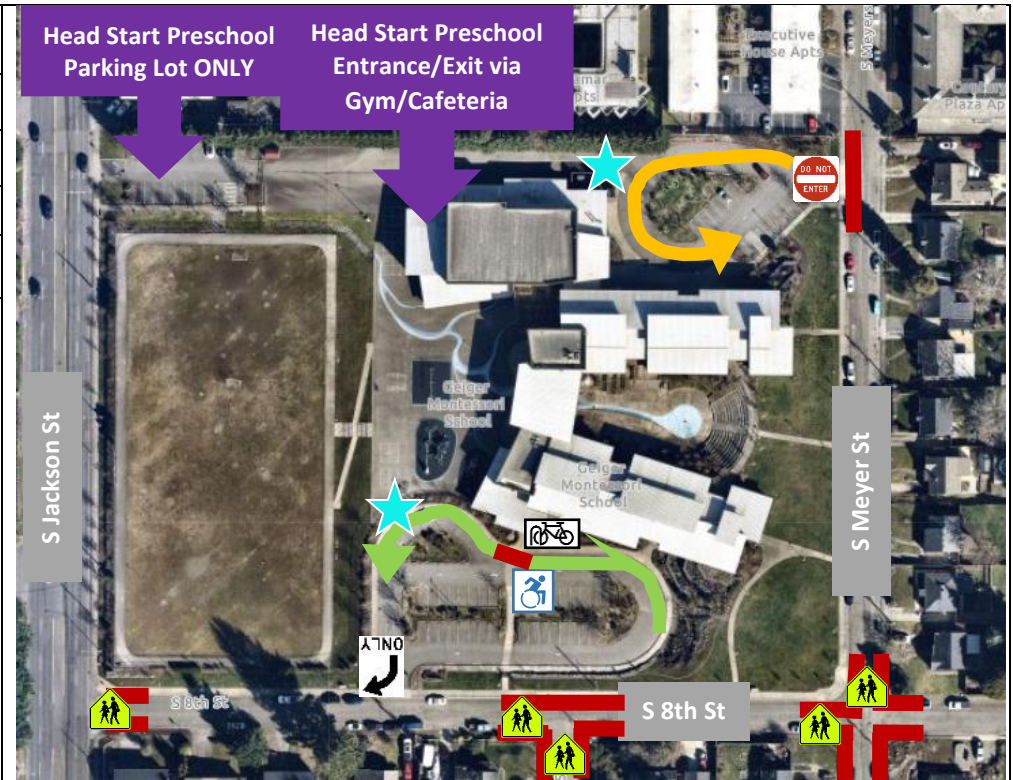
GEIGER MONTESSORI - ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PLAN

LEGEND

	Bus zone only - No cars		Morning drop-off only
	School crosswalks		No parking or waiting
	Arrival Gates for TK – 5 th Grade		
	ADA parking only		Bicycle parking

GUIDELINES:

- **School starts at 8:40 AM. Please do not drop your child off before 8:30 AM when gates open (9:30 AM on Wednesdays).** There is no supervision for students beforehand. First bell is at 8:35 AM, second bell is at 8:40 AM. Students arriving after 8:40 AM enter through front doors.
 1. Head Start preschool: Use Jackson St. lot & enter through gym/cafeteria hallway to the classroom.
 2. TK – 5th grade: Children enter through any of the two gates to line up on playground shown as stars on the map.
- **Dismissal is at 3:10pm (3:00pm for TK/K and 3:05pm for 1st – 5th grades).** Walk to the designated pick-up areas to pick up your student. Please do not enter before official dismissal.
- If driving your child to and from school, you may:
 1. Legally park in the neighborhood and walk your child to/from one of the gates.
 2. Use the front parking lot for valet drop-off during the morning only. Remain in vehicle and staff will open vehicle doors for child to exit. Make sure child is on passenger side of the vehicle. Turn right when exiting the parking lot onto 8th St.
 - The front parking lot is closed for afternoon dismissal pick-up. Only drivers with handicap placards or people with office business are allowed. Legally park and walk to playground for pick-up.
 3. Park at the Tacoma Musical Playhouse parking lot.



FOLLOW THESE LAWS TO HELP KEEP GEIGER FAMILIES SAFE:

- Many families walk & roll to school! **Drive 20 mph or less** in the school zone and on all residential streets in Tacoma. (RCW 46.61.440)
- Please look out for people walking and rolling. **Stop for people trying to cross the street** at any intersection – it's the law. (RCW 46.61.235)
- **Do not park within 30 ft of intersections**, 20 ft of crosswalks, or block driveways when parking – even for a minute. (RCW 46.61.570)



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

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

