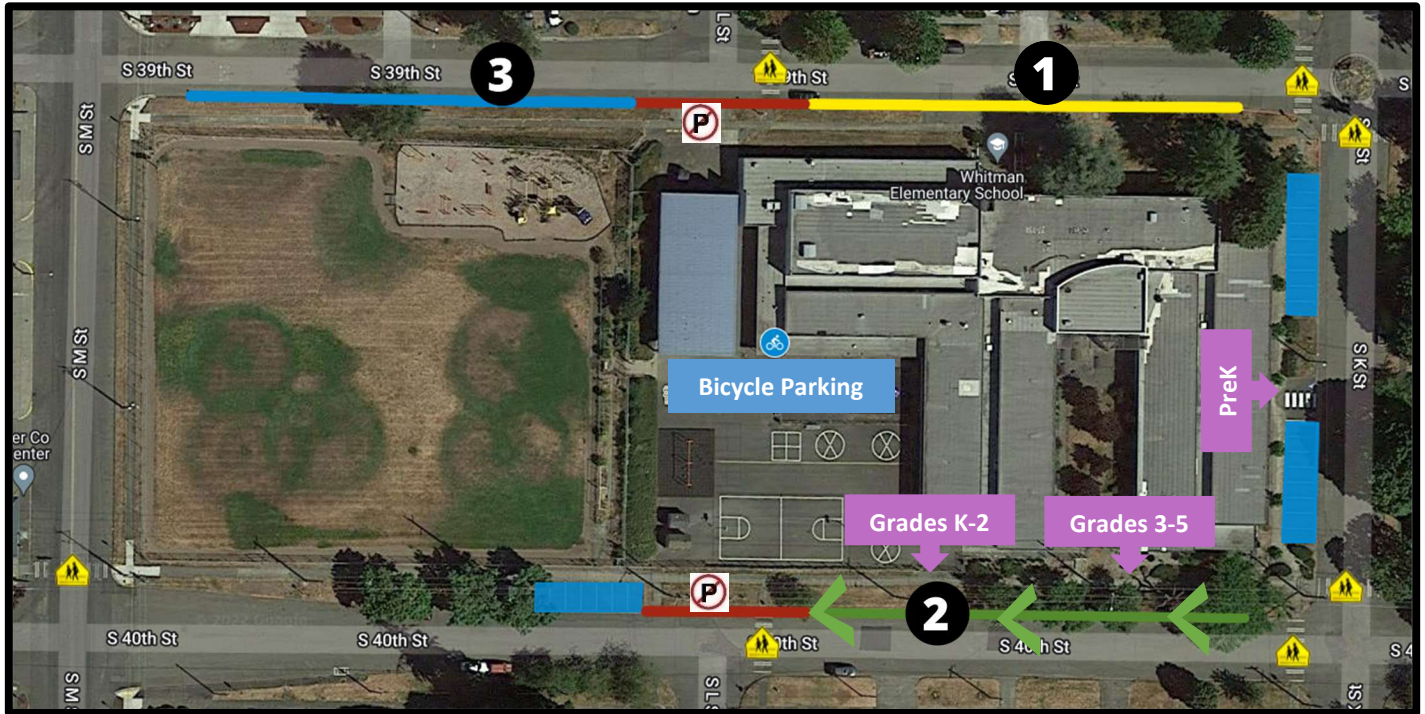


WHITMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TRAFFIC PLAN



1	Bus zone only 
2	Pick-up and drop-off 
3	Short-term parking 
	School crosswalk
	No parking 

Thank you for helping keep our students safe!

Walk, bike, or roll to school to reduce traffic congestion, and improve safety and air quality around Whitman.



GUIDELINES

- Please do not drop your child off before 8:30 a.m. (9:30 on Wednesdays). There is no supervision for students before then. Please pick up your child by 3:20PM.
- Drive 20 mph or less in the school zone**, stop for people crossing the street, and watch for students walking and rolling.
- If driving your child to school, you may either use the drop-off and pick-up zone (**2**) or legally park your car and walk in with your child (**3**). **Do not block intersections, crosswalks, or neighbors' driveways.**
- Drive in the one-way direction of traffic in the pick-up zone and please pull forward (**2**). **Students may only enter or exit vehicles at the curb.**
- Respect the bus zone.** Do not drop off or pick up your child in the bus zone.

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.



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.



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.

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

