Sonoran Foothills School Parking Lot Procedures & Safety Guide

A shared commitment to keeping every Bobcat safe.

Why this Matters

At Sonoran Foothills School, the safety of our students, families, and staff is our highest priority. Each day, more than 900 students arrive and dismiss from campus in approximately 15 minutes. With buses, parent vehicles, walkers, bicyclists, and staff all sharing our parking lots and surrounding streets, it is essential that everyone follows the same procedures.

Parking lots are among the highest-risk areas for accidents on school campuses. The procedures below are designed to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, eliminate blind spots, and most importantly, keep every Bobcat safe.

Thank you for partnering with us by modeling safe, respectful, and patient behavior during arrival and dismissal.

GENERAL PARKING LOT EXPECTATIONS

Students may not arrive on campus prior to 8:30am unless attending a supervised activity. Sonoran Foothills staff being morning duty at 8:30am and thus, there is no supervision prior to 8:30am.

Speed limit: 15mph near school grounds and 5mph on campus.

No phone use

Curbside parking is not permitted.

One-Way Traffic

Please follow all posted directional signs and arrows.

- Enter and exit only where designated.
- Do not drive against the flow of traffic.

Crosswalk Safety

Crosswalks are provided by the City of Phoenix and DVUSD for student safety.

Parents and students should:

- Always use designated crosswalks.
- Follow directions from crossing guards.
- Never cross through parking lots or traffic lanes outside designated crossings.

Parents play an important role by modeling safe crossing habits for our students.

ADA Parking

ADA parking spaces are reserved exclusively for vehicles displaying a valid ADA placard or license plate.

These spaces must remain available for families who rely on them for medical or mobility needs.

Unauthorized use may be reported.

Late Pick-Up

Students not picked up by 3:40 p.m. in the South Parking Lot will be relocated to the front parent pick-up area.

Students remaining after 3:45 p.m. will be escorted to the front office.

Community Center Parking Lot

The Sonoran Foothills Community Center is not operated by Sonoran Foothills School or Deer Valley Unified School District.

Because there is no school supervision in that parking lot, we strongly encourage families to use one of the school's two designated parking lots for student drop-off and pick-up.

Student Transportation

Permitted:

- Bicycles
- Skateboards
- Non-motorized scooters

We recommend these be used by students in grades 3–8, and that all riders wear helmets.

Not Permitted:

- Motorized scooters
- Mini-bikes
- Motorcycles
- Hoverboards
- Roller blades
- Heelys (wheel shoes)

Students must:

- Walk bikes, scooters, and skateboards while on campus.
- Secure them in the designated bike rack.
- The bike rack is locked during school hours.

Pets

For the safety of all students and staff, pets are not permitted on DVUSD property.

Morning Arrival

Choose the option that works best for your family and use that same option consistently whenever possible. Consistency helps improve traffic flow and keeps all students safe.

Front Parking Lot
🚗 Parent In-Vehicle Drop-Off

Best for families who want to remain in their vehicle.

- **Stay in your vehicle.**
- **Pull all the way forward.**
- **Students should be ready to exit quickly.**
- **Students exit on the passenger side when possible.**
- **Follow staff directions.**
- **No parking or unattended vehicles in the loop.**

South Parking Lot
🚶 Park & Walk

Best for families who prefer to park and walk their child to campus.

- **Park only in a marked parking space.**
- **Walk students using sidewalks.**
- **Use designated crosswalks.**
- **Never walk through traffic lanes or between vehicles.**

Walkers/Bikers
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Students walking or riding to school should:

- **Use designated sidewalks and crosswalks.**
- **Follow crossing guards.**
- **Walk bikes and scooters once on campus.**
- **Lock bikes in the designated bike rack.**
- **Helmets are strongly encouraged.**

Afternoon Dismissal

Families have two designated dismissal options. Please choose the option that best meets your family's needs. Bus riders use the south parking lot and have the assistance of SF staff to load the buses.

Front Parking Lot

🚗 Parent In-Vehicle Pick-Up

Best for families who wish to remain in their vehicle.

- Stay in the designated pick-up lane.
- Pull all the way forward.
- Students load only in designated loading areas.
- Follow all staff directions.
- Please remain attentive and avoid cell phone use while in the pick-up line.

South Parking Lot

🚶 Park & Walk

Best for families who choose to park and meet their child.

Parent Expectations

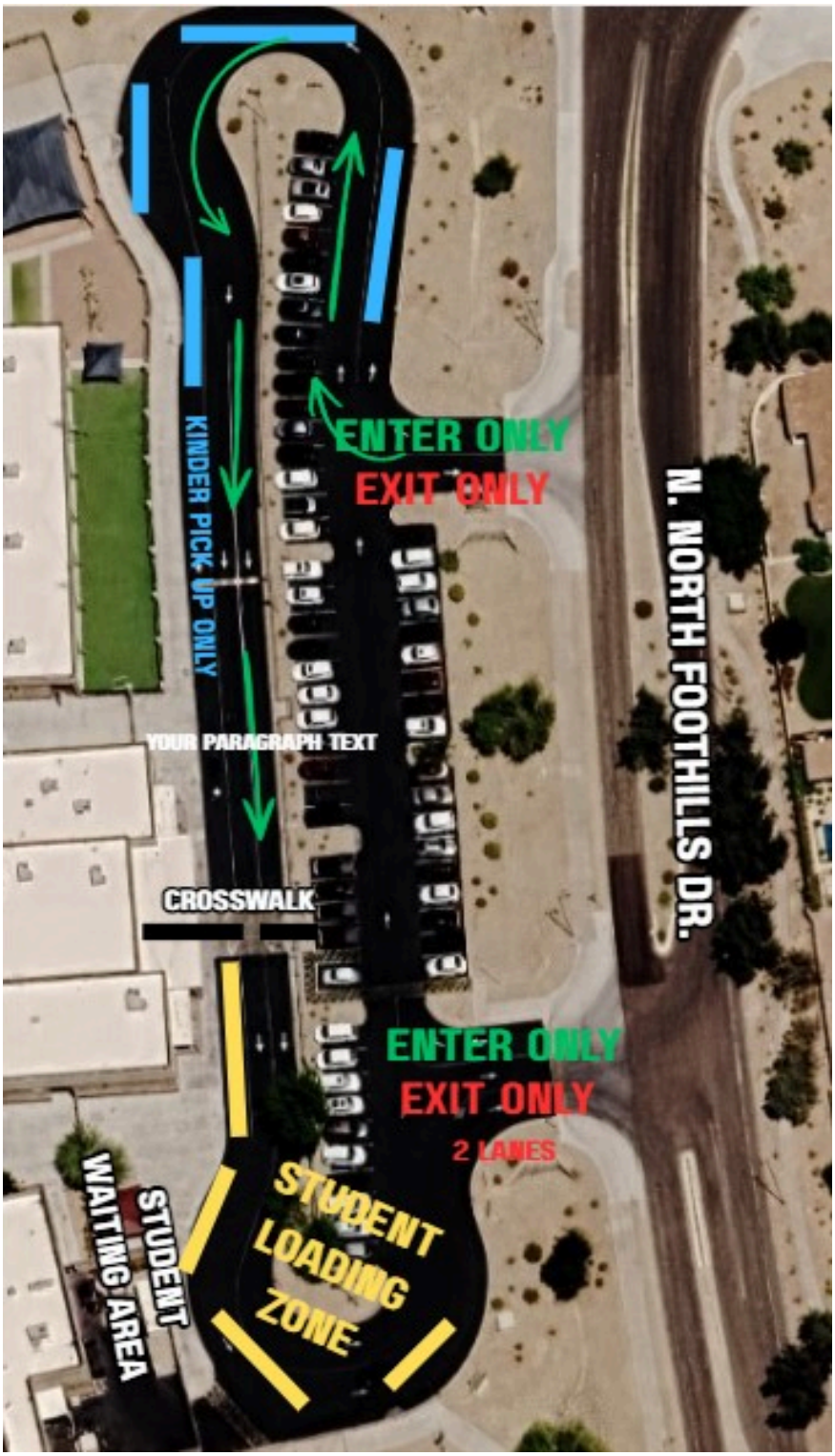
- Park only in a designated parking space.
- Walk to the Parent Pick-Up Zone.
- Wait in the designated area.
- Meet your child before entering the parking lot.

Student Expectations

- Report to the Parent Pick-Up Zone.

- Use the designated crosswalk with your parent/guardian.

Front Parking Lot: Parent In-Vehicle Drop-Off



FRONT PICK-UP LOOP KEY

SAFE TRAFFIC FLOW • STUDENT SAFETY • THANK YOU!

ENTER ONLY
All traffic enters the front loop from N. North Foothills Dr.

EXIT ONLY
All traffic exits the front loop back to N. North Foothills Dr.

KINDER PICK-UP ONLY
Use the left lane along the building for Kinder student pick-up.
Do not use the right lane.

TRAFFIC FLOW
Follow the arrows and stay in your lane. Continue forward – **do not** stop or park in the loop.

CROSSWALK
Students and families use the designated crosswalk to cross.

STUDENT LOADING ZONE
2 lanes for loading/unloading students.
Pull forward as far as possible.
Students load on the curb side only.
Do not leave your vehicle.

STUDENT WAITING AREA
Students wait in the designated area until your vehicle reaches the loading zone.

DO NOT BLOCK ENTRANCE OR EXIT
Keep the loop moving. Do not stop or park in the entrance or exit lanes.

FRONT PARENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP LOOP

Before and After School Dismissal Procedures

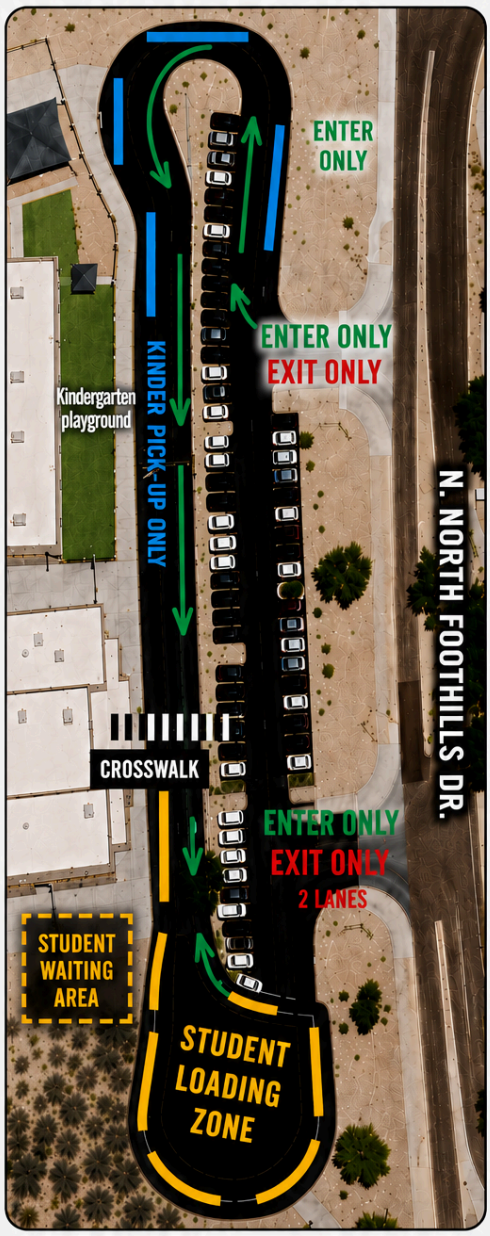
OUR PRIORITY: Student Safety. Every Day.

The front loop is for parents who drop off or pick up their children in a vehicle. This is a moving lane. For the safety of all students, please follow the procedures below.

AT A GLANCE

1. Enter the loop from N. North Foothills Dr.
2. Kinder drop-off/pick-up use the far left lane.
3. Pull all the way forward.
4. Load and unload students in the designated zone.
5. Use the designated crosswalk.
6. Exit the loop back to N. North Foothills Dr.

THANK YOU!
Your cooperation helps us keep all Bobcats safe and ensures a smooth and efficient dismissal.



KEY

- Kinder Pick-Up Only (Left Lane Only)
- Enter Only
- Exit Only
- Student Loading Zone (2 Lanes)
- Crosswalk
- Student Waiting Area

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- DO NOT park and exit your vehicle at any time.
- Please pull all the way up and follow directions of SF staff.
- Stay in your vehicle.
- Load/unload students on the curb side only.
- Do not pass vehicles.
- Students should never load in the travel lane.
- If your child is not yet at the curb, continue through the loop and circle back around.

Student Expectations

- Students will be released to the designated Parent Pick-Up Zone.
- Students may not walk unattended through the parking lot.
- Students and parents must use the designated crosswalk area when entering or exiting the parking lot.

Bus Lane Safety

The **blue route** on the campus map identifies the **Bus Loading Zone and designated sidewalk.**

For everyone's safety:

- No pedestrians may walk between parked buses.
- Never cross through the bus loading area.
- Drivers may **not** drive through or around parked buses.
- Students walking to the Community Center or park must remain on the designated blue sidewalk.
- Student pick-up is **not permitted** in the bus loading zone.

Parking

Parking is permitted **only in marked parking spaces.**

Parking is prohibited:

- In fire lanes
- Along curbs marked "No Parking"
- In the bus lane
- **In traffic lanes**
- **Anywhere that blocks the flow of traffic**



BRONCO BUTTE SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

To improve safety for students walking, biking, and being dropped off, please follow all traffic laws along Bronco Butte.

No Parking

Parking along Bronco Butte is prohibited.

Parking in these areas:

- Blocks the bike lane
- Reduces visibility
- Creates unsafe conditions for students

Crosswalk Use

All students and families must use the designated crosswalk.

Students should never:

- Cross mid-block
- Cross outside designated crosswalks
- Cross multiple traffic lanes independently

No U-Turns

U-turns along Bronco Butte create dangerous situations for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other drivers and are prohibited.

Crossing Guards & School Safety Officers

Please follow all directions from:

- City of Phoenix Crossing Guard/SF Staff filling these positions
- Sonoran Foothills School Safety Officers

Their role is to keep traffic moving safely and protect students during arrival and dismissal.

Our Shared Commitment

The safety of our students depends on all of us working together.

We recognize that arrival and dismissal can be busy times, and some procedures may occasionally feel inconvenient. However, every expectation outlined above is designed with one goal in mind: keeping students safe.

By following these procedures, respecting our staff, and modeling safe behavior for our children, you help create a safer, more efficient campus for every Bobcat.

Thank you for your partnership, patience, and continued support in making Sonoran Foothills School a safe place for all.