

SAFETY FIRST AT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

“Rules of the Road” at Riverside School

Dear Parents, your child(ren)’s safety is our #1 concern at Riverside School. The intent of the “Rules of the Road” is to create a safe environment for all especially during the busy times of drop-off and pick-up when children and adults are in danger of injury and property in danger of damage.

Please carefully read the rules below and follow them at all times during drop-off and pick-up. **Please share these rules with your spouse, caregiver, grandparents, or anyone else who may be dropping off or picking up your child from school.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this important matter.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- 1) Please **be aware of pedestrians and bike riders** around the school. Use your signal every time you make a turn, so that those around you are aware of your intended route.
- 2) The entrance to the parking lot off Drinkwater Place (nearest the train tracks) is **one way**. Exit the parking lot by following traffic past the gym and turning right to merge with cars coming through the front driveway.
- 3) **NO TEXTING** – It should go without saying how dangerous this is at any time while operating a vehicle. And yet it still happens regularly at school drop-off and pick-up. Please do not set this unsafe example for our children.

MORNING DROP-OFF

- 1) **DRIVERS MUST STAY IN CAR WHEN USING THE FRONT DRIVEWAY** - Drivers **MUST** stay in the car in the driveway. Only children may exit a car.
- 2) **VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP** – Safety volunteers help students exit vehicles using the front driveway. Volunteers can also help get student belongings such as bags and instruments from the car and/or trunk.
- 3) **PARK LEGALLY** - If you need to get out of the car, find a **LEGAL** parking spot, park, and then exit your vehicle. **There are no legal parking spots in the front driveway!**
- 4) **CURBSIDE EXIT** - Children may **ONLY** exit from the passenger side of the car.
- 5) **NO LEFT LANE EXIT** - Do not drop off your child from the left lane of the driveway.
- 6) **NEVER BACK UP** - Never back up in the driveway. This is extremely unsafe for kids, you, and your car.
- 7) **NO LINGERING** - After your child exits the car, promptly leave the driveway **SAFELY** – use blinkers!
- 8) **NO DRIVEWAY PARKING** - Never park your car in the driveway at any time of day.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP

- 1) **DRIVEWAY PICK-UP ONLY FOR GRADES 3-5** - Only children in grades 3-5 are permitted to walk to a car in the driveway. Parents of children in grades K-2 are required to park elsewhere and meet their child at their dismissal door.
- 2) **DRIVERS STAY IN CAR** - Drivers **MUST** stay in the car while waiting in the driveway. Unattended cars make it impossible for a fire truck to reach the building in an emergency. Please do not leave your engine running on idle; it pollutes the air our children breathe.
- 3) **NO LINGERING** - Once your child is in the car, promptly exit the driveway **SAFELY** – use blinkers! Please, no chatting!
- 4) **NO LEFT LANE PICKUP** – The left lane is for passing only. Do **NOT** block it or have your child walk to it!
- 5) **PARK LEGALLY** – There are many legal parking spots around the school and on nearby side streets - all within easy walking distance to the school. Please use these legal spots even if it means the extra few minutes might make you late for an appointment or practice. **And please no parking in the reserved spots near the gym** (marked with the Family name). This applies at all times, not just at pick-up and drop-off. And no parking in handicap spaces unless you have a permit to do so – it’s illegal. **There are no legal parking spots in the front driveway!**
- 6) **DO NOT BLOCK PARKING LOT** – Do not block legally parked cars in the parking lot. This is a recurring problem, and it is inconsiderate and blocks traffic for all. Please keep moving or park in a legal spot on a side street and walk over. Do not create “one more parking spot” at the end of a row.