



La Costa Heights Traffic & Safety 2026-2027



Welcome! Creating a safe and positive environment for our students is an ongoing goal at La Costa Heights. We ask that you take a few minutes to review our procedures to ensure the safety of all our students.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is hand-to-hand dismissal. All Kindergarten students are to be dropped off and picked up directly to and from the kindergarten gate. Kindergarten parents must park in a legal parking place and walk their child to and from the gate. Drive Through Procedures do not apply to Kindergarteners.

Drive Through Procedure – Front of School

- Enter the school driveway from the west end, turning right into the lot. No left turn into the parking lot.
- Enter the school driveway using the right lane and **drive forward as far as possible.** *Note: green curb access below.
- Have your child(ren) ready to exit the car before you enter the lot (i.e., backpacks, water bottles, etc.)
- Have your **child exit from the passenger side** of your vehicle and step directly down to the curb.
- Loading and unloading is only permissible along the curb along the very front of the school. Please pull as far forward as possible along the white curb.
- Follow directions from staff and student leaders in the drive through.
- Follow all traffic safety laws and respect the directions of the personnel.
- Double parking and parking in red zones are prohibited.
- **Remain in your car** when dropping off children. Never leave the car in the loading/unloading area.
- Drive slowly and watch out for children as you exit. No left turns into or out of the parking lot during drop-off/pick up times.
- Do not drop off or pick up your children in the street. Obey all traffic laws.
- Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

Walking/Wheels (bikes, scooters, etc)

- While on campus, stay on the sidewalk and walk your wheels. Bike/scooter riding is not permitted in the parking lot.
- Follow all traffic laws for biking and pedestrians (i.e. wear bike helmets, use crosswalks, etc.)
- If you do not walk with your child, groups of students should walk together. Students should not walk alone.
- Use designated crosswalks. Do not walk through the parking lot unless using the designated crosswalk.
- Teach your child safety rules: how to cross the street, not to talk to strangers, walking with friends, etc.

Arrival and Dismissal

- Campus gates open at 7:45am. Students are not to arrive before this time as there is no supervision. The only exception is if your student is having the nutrition services breakfast, which starts at 7:30am. They are to stay at the lunch tables to eat their breakfast until at least 7:45am when supervision begins.
- Be sure your child knows your after school pick up plans (i.e. where to meet you, who is picking up, etc.).
- Follow the Drive Through Procedures for pick up and drop off.
- Do not walk through the parking lot. Sidewalks and crosswalks must be used at all times.
- Students must leave campus immediately after dismissal (2:20 Monday-Thursday and 12:45 on Fridays).
- Gates are locked promptly at 8:00am and will remain locked until 2:20pm (12:45 on Fridays). Only the front gate will be open at 3:30pm once the school officially becomes a park.
- Staff on duty are not available for conferences or answering questions. They are responsible for student safety. Please refrain from having conversations with students and staff who are on duty.

Green Curb

- The green curb in front of the school is designated for home-to-school transportation for students in special programs. **This is a loading zone and drivers are to stay in their vehicle.** Please refer to the signs adjacent to the green curb for specific time restrictions.

*Your patience and cooperation are needed following all of the procedures.
You will ensure the safety for all students at La Costa Heights.*