Drop-Off & Pick-Up Expectations for the 2026-27 School Year

Morning Drop-Off Reminders:

Please do not drop-off your child prior to 8:50 AM (9:50 AM on Wednesday), as supervision does not begin until this time. Prior to this time, please ensure you are either keeping your child in the car with you or supervising them until the bell rings and staff arrive outside at the main door. Given this is a congested, high-traffic area, please remind your child that if they are out of your vehicle prior to 8:50 AM, they should be waiting outside of the main doors, chatting with friends if they'd like, but not playing games such as tag, or on their cell phones.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up & Bus Zone:

It is important, for the safety of all, and to be cognizant to our neighbors and community, to please follow these important drop-off / pick-up expectations:

Drop-off and pick-up will occur **to the north of the school**. Please follow the cones, signs, and/or staff direction. Please do not park on the north side of 60th Street. There are City of Tacoma signs that read "NO PARKING". When cars are parked there, it creates a zig-zag effect for the oncoming traffic.

Our bus zone is on the **east side of the school.** Please do not drop-off or pick-up your child in the bus zone area.

If you regularly pick-up your child and have not received a car tag, please let the main office know. These are helpful for a smooth dismissal.

In addition, please know **dogs and other animals** are not permitted on school property unless it is a service animal.

Our **dismissal** time is 3:30 PM daily. Please be prompt when picking up your child(ren). When picking up your child in the valet, please follow the white arrows as shown on the picture. Please do not park where the white arrows are indicated and do not block the crosswalks. When joining the car line, please join after the last car on "A" Street. If you need recommendations for after-school care, please check out Champions (housed at Fawcett) at https://www.discoverchampions.com/our-locations/tacoma/wa/002778 or call them at 253.426.0841.



Bikes/Scooters & Bike Racks:

Please know that we secure our gated bike rack area daily from 9:15 AM-3:30 PM. It is strongly encouraged to lock up all items left in the gated bike area (bikes, helmets, etc.), as we are not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items before/during/after school hours. We do have a few loaner locks if you need to borrow one. Please ensure your child wears a helmet. In addition, students are expected to walk their bike or scooter while on school property before/after school to ensure the safety for all.

Walking & Biking Tips:

Here are some important tips to share with children:

- Walk or bike with a buddy or in a group
- Pay attention to what's happening around you
- Always cross streets at corners or marked crossings
- Look at drivers and make sure they see you before crossing the street
- If you're biking or scooting, wear a helmet every time
- Follow all the rules of the road if you're riding a bike
- Immediately tell an adult about any suspicious activities or people
- Know the name and phone number of someone to call in an emergency
- Learn how to use 911 if you need help
- Once you arrive at school, make sure the door latches behind you

Find maps and safe routes for all elementary schools here:
https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/transportation/safe-routes-to-school-walking-map

Update Your Bus App:

The school bus app offered to TPS families this year will be retired on May 1st and replaced with My Ride K-12. You can download the free My Ride K-12 and start using it now. My Ride K-12 allows families to access their secure data for their child's bus stop location, route, and pickup time from their phone. Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Bus Contact Information:

Please visit the Transportation page on the TPS website for contact information:
https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/transportation

Change of Plans?

If your plans change, please inform the office at 253.571.4737 no later than 2:45 PM so we can get the appropriate information to your child's teacher. If there are changes after 3:15 PM, we cannot assure your child will receive the message, as staff are shifting to their dismissal responsibilities and classes are transitioning for dismissal.



