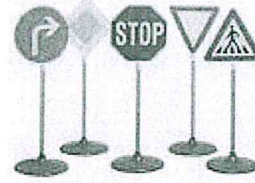



TRAFFIC PLAN

August 2020



There is no denying that the volume of traffic is extremely heavy around Vandergriff and McNair at certain times of the day. District personnel continually monitor traffic flow the first few weeks and we may need to make minor adjustments or even major changes in the near future. **Whatever the plan, we know it will inconvenience some. But our first priority will always be student SAFETY!**

- Car riders will not be dismissed until just after 3:00 p.m. If you pick up your child in the afternoon, please consider arriving after that time.
- The school will issue a brightly colored printed nametag for each car rider. It is extremely important you keep this in your car AND DISPLAY IT on your rearview mirror when picking up your child. If you do not have a school issued printed tag **YOU WILL NEED TO COME TO THE OFFICE** to check your student out. We will provide one tag per family, yet you can come into the office to get more. First three are free.
- The use of cell phones in our pick up lines is very dangerous and against the law, therefore **PROHIBITED** anywhere in school driveways.
- Please practice patience and driver courtesy at all times.
- Please **DO NOT** pass other cars in line.
- The Highway 45 entrance is **ONE WAY only**.
- **ARRIVAL:** Parents may use east entrance (near the playground) to drop off students in the mornings. You may also drop off your children at the west entrance (near the flagpole) once all morning buses have cleared the areas. All cars must exit to Township Street. **THERE ARE BEAR PAWS PAINTED ON THE DRIVE IN THE UNLOADING AREAS. PLEASE PULL AS FAR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE BEFORE ALLOWING YOUR CHILD OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE.** 
- **PICK UP:** Kindergarten – Second grade car riders AND ALL STUDENTS WHO RIDE IN THE SAME CAR WITH THEM should be picked up using the EAST (playground) driveway. Third grade – Fourth grade should be picked up using the WEST (flagpole) driveway. Again, all traffic must exit to Township Street. **THERE ARE BEAR PAWS PAINTED ON THE DRIVE IN THE LOADING AREA. PLEASE PULL AS FAR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE BEFORE ALLOWING YOUR CHILD TO ENTER YOUR VEHICLE.**
- Please adhere to all posted traffic signs.
- **Drop-off and pick-up students in the designated area ONLY.** It can be extremely dangerous for students to be let out of cars in other areas, and it slows down traffic flow.
- Please have students exit or enter the car from the curbside.
- **Pull as far forward as possible in the unloading/loading area** before letting your child out of your car.
- **Always have your child ready to exit your car** as soon as you reach the drop-off area. If your student needs help unbuckling or buckling, please pull into a parking space. For safety reasons, please do not get out of your car in line to help your student get in or out of the car.
- **DO NOT park your car in the afternoon and walk through traffic to get your child from the waiting area.** This is dangerous and slows traffic. Please stay in line and wait for your turn.

Hint: Come early in the mornings. We open the doors at 7:15 a.m. Students arriving before 7:45 wait in the cafeteria. Traffic is heaviest from 7:45 – 8:00. Therefore, 7:25-7:45 is an excellent time to bring your child!

IMPORTANT REMNINDERS!



Arkansas Law, ACA § 27-51-1609 states a driver of a motor vehicle shall not use a handheld telephone while operating a motor vehicle when passing a school building or school zone during hours when children are present and outside the building.

Using cell phones near crosswalks AND *anywhere* on school driveways is particularly dangerous and is prohibited anytime children are present. Thank you for your strict adherence.



Pull as far forward as possible (on the bear paws painted on the driveway) in the loading areas! Stopping at the curve to let your child out of the car when there are empty paw spaces ahead of you significantly hinders traffic for everyone. If everyone cooperates, the process runs smoothly!

Input: Please feel free to contact the principal or assistant principal anytime with suggestions you might have for improving our traffic plan, or if you have any questions.

Traffic Flow for Pick up and Drop Off

