

Welcome Back Parents!

Traffic and Parking Lot Safety Reminders

Because of the large number of parents and children arriving at school at the same time, **School Zones** often present a serious safety hazard for children. As congestion increases, it becomes more difficult for parents and students to see one another out on the street, in the sidewalk, or in the parking lot.

Caring parents often unknowingly create traffic hazards while rushing to drop off or pick up their children. **By making simple changes in your daily routine, you can reduce the dangers that children face as they arrive and depart from school each day.**

- **Cooperate with those parent volunteers** and staff members sincerely working to keep your child safe. Set a positive example by showing these “safety ambassadors” respect as they direct you safely through the campus.
- **Arrive to school early.** Consider carpooling with neighbors or friends to reduce the congestion.
- **Avoid distractive driving – put down the phone and the coffee – look where you’re driving.**
- **Reduce your speed into the school parking lot** - never attempt to cut in front of another parent.
- **Do not park or leave your car unattended** in a drop off or pick up lane.
- **Don’t park across the street and have your child cross.** If there is no alternative to parking across the street from the school, accompany your child using a crosswalk.
- **Do not impede traffic flow by double parking,** or waiting at a stop sign forcing other traffic to drive into oncoming lanes just to get around you.
- **Do not double-park** waiting for your child. This condition exposes children to being struck by other vehicles leaving the curb.
- **Explain to your child why it’s important to exit from the safe side of the vehicle (right-side).** If necessary, relocate the car seat, so that your student may exit safely – the right-side.
- **If your children walk alone, encourage them to cross at the corner** using designated crosswalks.

If a drop-off/pick program does not exist or needs to be improved, work with your school to create and improve the system. Fullerton School District appreciates parent volunteers and those willing to assist with traffic duties. If you are interested in volunteering, contact your Principal.

