

Wamsutta Map and Drop-Off / Pick-Up Procedures



Rationale

Families have been dropping off and picking up in the parking lot (marked E) with some regularity, and this has created a hazard for both students and staff. As cars come and go, students have been exiting both sides of vehicles and walking between and among parking cars. Even more dangerous is the practice of cars passing one another in the lot as students exit. It was especially hazardous in the afternoons because of the combination of buses and parents leaving at the same time while walkers were attempting to get to Locust Street.

Description

The traffic flow is not actually new, and was recommended by prior administrations many times before. This is an attempt to get every family on the same page. Many families follow the procedures listed below already, but others have been using the parking lot (marked E) as a place to drop-off and pick-up. Those accustomed to using the parking lot (marked E) for this purpose will be expected to use the traffic pattern that goes around the back of the building (marked B). The truly new part of the procedures is the bus parking area in the lot (marked E). In both the mornings and the afternoons, buses will be lined up in this area, making it impossible for cars to go through the lot until school dismissal is complete.

We expect the new procedures may add a few minutes on to your drop-off and pick-up schedules. As time goes on, we expect any delays to be minimal. We must all work together to ensure student safety, and requiring all pick-ups and drop-offs by our Gym entrance is an essential part of a safer campus management plan.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

1. Parents dropping-off and picking-up students should enter WMS at the entrance on Locust Street closest to Oak Hill Avenue (marked A). They should proceed to take a right (marked B) and go around the back of the school and drop off by our Gym (marked C). They should leave WMS following the arrows and finally exiting at Point D.
PLEASE NOTE: To ensure student safety, please do not drop off or pick up students anywhere but by the curb and sidewalk near our Gym. We also ask that you do not pass cars once you have dropped off or picked up. This creates a significant hazard for students exiting or entering cars on the passenger side. Your few moments of patience will significantly increase safety for your child and everyone else.
2. Please do not enter to drop-off or pick-up students in the parking lot (marked E) or the driveway leading to the main entrance (marked F) during the morning between 7:00 – 8:00 AM or the afternoons from 2:00 – 3:45 PM.