

Cherry Crest Elementary School

Traffic/Carpool Information: FAQs, Dos and Don'ts

Our school campus is a NO CELL PHONE ZONE for all drivers.

For the safety of our community, please take time to read through these important best practices.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I enter and exit the carpool line?

All drivers must enter the carpool line from 130th NE, by turning onto 32nd, where the line forms, and then turning into our campus. Drivers MAY NOT shortcut into line from the side streets— 124th, 125th, 126th, and 127th. All drivers should exit by proceeding straight onto 124th from campus, after the stop sign.

2. What time does the carpool line start? How do we avoid long lines? What if we do run late?

It is advisable to enter the carpool line by 7:40. The cafeteria is open at this time to accommodate early-arriving students. There are many variables that influence the timing of the carpool line. Rainy weather and school events generally set the timing back by a full 10 minutes. You can help our efficiency by having your student be drop-off ready, and pulling forward to the front of the drop off area. You may not "drop off" a student on campus in any other place but the approved drop off area in the front of school. If your student arrives after 8am, they may sign in late, in the office, and will be recorded as Tardy.

3. How early should I get into the afternoon line? What is the pick-up procedure? What if I am running late to pick up my child?

The afternoon carpool line begins forming 20 minutes or more before dismissal. Dismissed students will be supervised by staff, waiting in the drop-off/pick-up area, near the flagpole. Parents should pull as far up to the front of the line as possible. After picking up students, you will merge with the right lane and then exit campus. All students should be picked up by 15 minutes after the final bell. Students remaining after dispersal will be brought to the office to call their parents, who may sign them out.

4. Which areas on campus are designated for parking? Do some parents park in the neighborhood?

There is only one parking lot on campus designated for parents to drop off and pick up students: the Visitor Lot, directly across from the elementary school. The lot adjacent to the cafeteria and dumpsters is not for parent parking—it is for club vans and vendors only. Parents parking in the Visitor Lot must escort their children through the crosswalk on to campus, and similarly exit their vehicles to escort children in the afternoon. Some parents choose to park in the neighborhood and escort their children, or let their children walk to campus. There is a parking lane along 32nd, and parking throughout neighborhood. If you park in our neighborhood, please be mindful of our neighbors and do not block driveways or throughways.

5. How do I ask a question, or report an unsafe driver or situation ?

If you have a question or concern, please call our Safety Line at 425-456-4908.

Traffic Dos and Don'ts

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<p>Arriving Do arrive in carpool line via 130th, into the line on 32nd (the main street to get to our campus).</p> <p>Get into line at least 20 minutes before the morning/afternoon dismissal times. Have your child ready to exit the vehicle safely and efficiently when you reach the approved drop off zone in front of school.</p>	<p><i>Do not shortcut into line from an unapproved side street: 124th, 125th, 126th, or 127th. This creates hazards for children walking to school and for drivers, as well as delays.</i></p> <p><i>Once in the line, do not disregard rules and take risks by allowing your child to exit your vehicle in an unapproved drop off area such as near the bus line, in the carpool line, in the parking lot, or anywhere but the front of school.</i></p>
<p>Observing Rules Carefully observe all traffic signs, crosswalks, staff and student traffic helpers. SLOW DOWN and use caution on our campus, WATCH for directions from our patrols</p>	<p><i>Do not disregard the crosswalks and safety patrol staff and students, who help channel pedestrians from our neighborhood, as well as direct vehicle traffic. Do not be rude to these staff and students who help ensure the safety of our children.</i></p>
<p>Dropping Off and Picking Up Drop off and pick up your child only in the approved drop off and pick up area in the front of school. Have your child ready to exit the vehicle efficiently, from the curb side only. (Driver) Stay in your car in the drop off/pick up area. Pull all the way forward to help the efficiency of the line. After drop off/pick up, merge with the right lane (traffic coming from the parking lot) as you exit the drop off-pick up carpool line. Exit the campus, after the final stop sign, straight onto 124th, during peak carpool times.</p>	<p><i>Do not let your child out of the carpool line in unapproved drop off areas—, from the road (on route/not parked), bus area, preschool parking, visitor parking, or from the actual carpool line. Do not take an unreasonable amount of time in the drop off zone.</i></p> <p><i>Do not allow your child to exit from the passenger side of the car.</i></p> <p><i>Do not exit your vehicle in the drop off/pick up area in front of school.</i></p> <p><i>Do not turn left on the 32nd , as you exit the campus during peak carpool times.</i></p>
<p>Parking Families should park on campus in the parking lot directly across from the school entrance. As needed, families may park in any unmarked space around the perimeter of the parking lot. Assist your child as appropriate through the crosswalk to campus. Note: Parents are able to park in any white-striped parking area for after-school-hours special events.</p>	<p><i>Do not park in spaces marked "Staff Only", "ELP Only" or in the side parking lot near the dumpsters. Do not block parked cars or the flow of traffic while waiting for an open parking spot.</i></p> <p><i>Do not allow your child to walk through the parking lot unattended or play near the lot.</i></p> <p><i>Do not ever leave your care unattended unless it is in an approved parking spot.</i></p>
<p>Special Circumstances Do be patient if a car stalls in the carpool line. Accident parties should leave/exchange information.</p>	