

## **SAFETY FIRST AT DROP-OFF/PICKUP** **“Rules of the Road” at Riverside School**

**Dear Parents** -- Your children’s safety is our #1 concern at Riverside School. Unfortunately, we continue to witness *unsafe actions by drivers* during the busy times of drop-off and pickup that put children and adults in danger of injury and property in danger of damage. With that, we would like to start the school year off right by clearly outlining the “Rules of the Road” in regards to drop-off and pickup.

***Please share these rules with your spouse, caregiver, grandparents, or anyone else who may be dropping off or picking up your child from school.***

Please *carefully* read the rules below, and put them into practice at all times during drop-off and pick up. This is about the safety of our kids! Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this important matter.

### **MORNING DROP-OFF**

- 1) DRIVERS STAY IN CAR WHEN USING FRONT DRIVEWAY - Drivers **MUST** stay in the car in the driveway. Only children exit.
- 2) VOLUNTEERS HELP - Volunteers will help with bags, instruments, etc., even from the trunk.
- 3) PARK LEGALLY - If you need to get out of car, find a LEGAL parking spot, park, and then do so. There are no legal parking spots in the front driveway!
- 4) CURB SIDE EXIT - Children may **ONLY** exit from passenger side of car.
- 5) NO LEFT LANE EXIT - Do not drop off your child from left lane of driveway.
- 6) NEVER BACK UP - Never back up in driveway. This is extremely unsafe for kids, you, and your car.
- 7) NO LINGERING - After child exits car, promptly leave driveway SAFELY – use blinkers!
- 8) NO DRIVEWAY PARKING - Never park your car in the driveway at any time of day.

### **AFTERNOON PICK-UP**

- 1) DRIVEWAY PICK-UP ONLY FOR GRADES 3-5 - Only children in grades 3-5 are permitted to walk to a car in the driveway. Parents of children in grades K-2 are required to park elsewhere and meet their child at their dismissal door.
- 2) DRIVERS STAY IN CAR - Drivers **MUST** stay in the car while waiting in the driveway. Please don’t leave your engine running on idle; it pollutes the air our children breathe.
- 3) NO LINGERING - Once child is in car, promptly exit driveway SAFELY – use blinkers! Please, no chatting!
- 4) NO LEFT LANE PICKUP – The left lane is for passing only. Do **NOT** block it or have your child walk to it!
- 5) PARK LEGALLY – There are many legal parking spots around the school and on nearby side streets - all within easy walking distance to the school. Please use these legal spots even if it means the extra few minutes might make you late for an appointment or practice. And please no parking in the reserved spots near the gym – marked with the Family name on the signs. This applies at all times, not just at pick up and drop off. And no parking in handicap spaces unless you have a permit to do so – it’s illegal. **There are no legal parking spots in the front driveway!**
- 6) DO NOT BLOCK PARKING LOT - Do not block legally parked cars in the parking lot. This was a big problem last year – it is inconsiderate and blocks traffic for all. Please keep moving or just park in a legal spot on a side street and walk over. Do not create “one more parking spot” at the end of a row.

**NO TEXTING** – It should go without saying how dangerous this is at any time while operating a vehicle. And yet it still happens with shocking regularity at school drop-off and pickup. Don’t set this unsafe example for our children.

