

Belle Aire Traffic Patterns and Procedures

Please take a moment to read the procedures below, and be sure to share them with anyone who may be driving your students to school - parents, grandparents, caregivers, neighbors, etc. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

There are two designated drop-off areas. One is in our parking lot, and the other is at Herbert Circle. Should you need to park and walk your children into school, you may park on the west side of Belle Aire Lane or in an open parking spot in our lot. Parking next to the school's sidewalks or on the perimeter of the lot is prohibited as it blocks and disrupts traffic patterns.

If you need to exit your vehicle to assist your children for any reason and/or for any amount of time, please use the parking spaces and not the drop-off zone. There are days that require extra time for each of our families -- bringing an instrument, carrying a project, or simply a morning that requires a bit of extra emotional support. On these days, please use the parking spaces to walk your children to the school rather than stopping/parking in the drop-off zone.

Parking Lot Drop-Off Zone

There are two turn-in lanes available upon entering the school's parking lot. The first, most southern lane is to be used by buses only. This lane allows a path with a large enough turning radius for the buses to get to the drop off section on the eastern side of the lot. Parents who are dropping off students should use the second lane, which directs you to the circle in front of the school.

Currently, we treat the drop-off zone like the curbside drop-off at the airport, and it can be extremely dangerous. The circle drive splits into two lanes at the sidewalk. The right lane nearest the sidewalk is where students should exit vehicles; the left lane is for passing/moving traffic exiting the lot. Please be aware of your surroundings, check your mirrors, and stay off of your cell phones.

When entering the drop-off zone, pull as far forward as possible at all times. We need to use the entire drop-off zone as a unit. If you are the first/only car in the zone, we ask that you still pull up all the way so that cars that eventually appear behind you are able to drop-off as well--regardless of which side of the building your child(ren) enter(s).

It is prohibited to allow children to exit the vehicle until you are next to the sidewalk in the drop-off zone.

Herbert Circle Drop-Off Zone

Vehicles should follow the typical, counter-clockwise traffic pattern of entering and exiting the circle. Students should exit the passenger side of the vehicle and walk along the guardrail until they reach the path to the school. Student walkers must use the paved path (outside of the guardrail) to enter campus rather than walking through Herbert Circle.

Please do everything you can to prepare your children to exit the vehicle quickly and always on the passenger side. **It is prohibited to have students exit on the driver's side.** Additionally, if we are to move as a community through the drop-off zone, it is critical that we all do our best to help our children to exit the vehicle promptly with materials in hand.

As you can guess, traffic increases on days when the weather is inclement. Please plan an early departure from home on rainy and/or snowy days so students can begin their school day on time.

Our singular goal is to keep everyone -- students and parents -- safe during drop-off times. If you have any questions about these procedures, please contact Mr. Borchelt in the office directly. Belle Aire staff will be available to help guide traffic in the morning and in the afternoon; we appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to keep all students safe.