

Pierce Downer School

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 student to school - parents, grandparents, caregivers, neighbors, etc. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Morning Drop - Off

There are two designated drop-off areas; one is on Grant Street and one is on Oakwood Avenue. The procedures for these are detailed below. Should you need to park and walk your children into school, you may park on Grant Street **beyond the drop off zone (near Seeley)** or on Seeley.

Grant Street Drop-Off Zone

- Once you cross the intersection of Grant and Oakwood, **please form a single line of vehicles** to approach and enter the drop-off zone. **This is imperative.**
 - *Currently, we treat the drop-off zone like the curbside drop-off at the airport, and it is extremely dangerous. Whether you are crossing the intersection traveling west on Grant or turning onto Grant from northbound or southbound Oakwood, you must wait until there is an available space in a single file line if you are dropping off.*
- The drop-off zone begins beyond the driveway. It is prohibited to allow children to exit the vehicle until your vehicle is west of the driveway.
- When entering the drop-off zone, pull as far forward as possible at all times.
 - *Even with the snow, we have 7-8 drop off “spots” designated; 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.*

- Please do everything you can to prepare your children to exit quickly and **always on the passenger side.**
 - *It is prohibited to have students exit on the drivers' 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.*

- If you need to exit the vehicle to assist your children, 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 in rather than stopping or parking in the drop-off zone.*

- When exiting the drop-off zone, please do not attempt to exit until the car in front of you is exiting.
 - *This will require perhaps the most patience, but if we move in and out of the drop-off zone as a unit, we will all be safe. Just as we enter in a single file line, we depart in a single file line.*

Oakwood Drop-Off Zone

Parking remains available along much of Oakwood adjacent to the school property, though we discourage parking here during the hours of 8:00-8:20 as it can have a negative impact on drop-off. Similar to the Grant Street zone, we offer the following guidelines:

- The drop-off zone will be designated by signs. **Please do not allow children to exit the vehicle until you are in the drop-off zone or parked along the curb.**
 - *We have witnessed several students exiting their vehicles in the middle of the street, while cars are "double parked". This is strictly prohibited as it is extremely dangerous for students.*

- When entering the drop-off zone, please pull as far forward as possible at all times.
- Please do everything you can to prepare your children to exit quickly and **always on the passenger side.**
- If you need to exit your vehicle to assist your children, please use the parking spaces and not the drop-off zone.
- When exiting the drop-off zone, please do not attempt to exit until the car in front of you is exiting.

AM Kindergarten Pick-Up

When coming to pick up your morning kindergartener, please observe the parking regulations that are in place. There is no parking between the driveway and Grant Street on Oakwood as well as between Oakwood and the driveway on Grants Street. Double parking in the parking lot is discouraged as it is unsafe for our students.

Thank You!

We all appreciate your time in reviewing these guidelines. Our singular goal is to keep everyone - parents and students - safe during drop-off times. If you have any questions about these procedures, please contact Mrs. Collins or Ms. Cole in the office directly. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to keep all students safe.