

Kiss & Ride (K&R) General Information

Safety and Security Information

The Kiss&Ride is a designated area for parents picking up or unloading their children by private vehicle. For the Kiss&Ride to function properly, several procedures must be followed:

- School staff members provide supervision and ensure safety.
- Children load and unload from the passenger side of the car only, so they will not have to cross the driveway in front of traffic.
- Drivers remain in the car. School staff members will assist with the car door.
- Cars stay in a single file line as they move to and from the Kiss&Ride.
- Parents wanting to enter the school must park in an available parking space or on the street. There is plenty of convenient street parking surrounding 115 Hillwood. They are not to enter the Kiss&Ride line in this case.
- Arrive early. The busiest time at the Kiss&Ride area is the start time of classes. At dismissal time, plan to arrive 10 to 15 minutes before the final bell, when the traffic is lighter.

A Driver's Guide to Dropping off And Picking up Children

Schools are active centers of learning and discovery. As students learn, we need to keep them safe and also teach them about safety. Safety measures begin as the students arrive at school each morning, are maintained during the day, and continue as students depart in the afternoon.

Vehicular traffic around a school can pose a safety problem, especially at the beginning and end of the school day. The flow of traffic created by private cars dropping off and picking up children, commuters passing the school, and general traffic converging can create potential hazards to students.

Kiss & ride Area Description

Most elementary schools have established an area called "Kiss & Ride," designed as a safe place for adults in private vehicles to load and discharge children. This area is separate from the school bus area, enabling schools to avoid problems associated with cars passing buses, or parking in bus only zones and fire lanes. It also establishes a pedestrian traffic pattern to keep children safe.

Important Features

The Kiss & Ride area has several important features:

- Adult supervision is provided by school staff members.
- The area is clearly designated and marked with signs.
- Private-vehicle traffic can move faster and safer since the vehicles are not in the same lanes.

Keeping Children Safe

In order to ensure the safety of all children, the following rules must be observed. If all drivers cooperate, the adult supervisors will be able to provide an efficient and safe transfer of children.

- Pack a bag or backpack with all of your child's belongings so the loading and discharging can be done more smoothly.
- Make sure to notify the school if the pick-up person will not have the hang tag. If there's no hang tag, and school staff members don't know the pick-up person, your child will need to be picked up from the office.
- Hang up the "hang tag" given to your family on your rear-view mirror, so school staff members know what child you will be dropping off or picking up.
- Load and discharge children only in the Kiss & Ride area.
- Pull your car as far forward as possible before stopping to load or discharge children. Three or four cars can transfer students at the same time. Watch for directions from the supervisor.
- Load and discharge children from the passenger side of the car only, so they will not have to cross the driveway in front of traffic.
- Remain in the driver's seat. School Staff Members will assist with car doors.
- Keep goodbyes brief; other drivers will be waiting behind you to discharge children.
- Do not pass other cars that are loading or discharging children.
- Exit the Kiss & Ride promptly after loading or discharging children. When picking up children, pull into the Kiss & Ride area and wait in your car. Do not park in the parking lot or at the side of the street and call to children.
- Don't block intersections.

Saving Time

You can save time by planning ahead. Here are a few suggestions:

- Arrive early. The busiest time at the Kiss & Ride area is the start time of classes. Plan to arrive 5 to 10 minutes before the final bell, when the traffic is lighter.
- Adjust for rain. The number of cars using the Kiss & Ride area will increase when it rains. Be patient, and plan on spending a small amount of additional time.
- Carpool with others. Carpools reduce the number of vehicles using the Kiss & Ride area, thus saving time.

Partners in Safety

The school staff recognizes your concerns as parents, and the safety and security of your children are the school's primary objectives. With your help through following the safety rules described in this guide, the Kiss & Ride supervisors can help your children enter the school safe and ready to learn.

Let's work together to protect our children.