

CHELMSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Drop Off, Pick Up & Dismissal Reminders

I wanted to reach out to the whole community to remind you of some of our standard procedures.

DROP OFF FOR STUDENTS MEETING WITH A TEACHER OR ATTENDING A MORNING CLUB:

Students should not arrive to school before 8am unless they have a prearranged meeting with a teacher or are attending a club. Those students arriving before 8am must enter through the front door any time after 7:30 and sign in at the main office unless the club has an alternate sign in procedure.

REGULAR MORNING DROP OFF: This still occurs on the police station side of the school. The side doors open at 8am. Students go directly to the Lobby/Lecture Hall where there is supervision until HR begins at 8:10. *Students should exit the vehicle ASAP directly onto the sidewalk. They should not wait until they are at the door. Multiple cars should be able to allow students to dismount simultaneously. Once buses are clear from the front, we begin sending cars to the front door as well to alleviate congestion. Students should not be waiting to exit right at the door.* That slows the process down. We want to make sure students get to HR on time (8:19).

AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP (2:40): Pick-ups at the end of the school day (2:40) are in the parking lot near the tennis courts/football field. Please note that busses block the driveway next to the school next to the police station during dismissal. If you are arriving close to or after 2:30, you will probably have to enter the pick-up area using the entrance on Old Westford Road. For children's safety, please back into a parking spot **before the dismissal time** as it is much safer pulling forward out of a parking spot once school is dismissed. Thanks for keeping our children safe.

PICK UP AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (activities will begin early October): Pick-up after activities (3:45) is different from pick-up immediately at the end of the day (2:40). If you are picking up your child after activities, the designated pick-up area is near the cafeteria on the School Administration side of the building. Our late buses come to the front of the school and block the driveway. Please remember, you cannot pass a bus with flashing lights even when it is in our parking lot/driveway.

DISMISSALS: Please try to remember to send in a note with your child when you know your child will need to be dismissed. Please try to avoid dismissals during recess. This is to help you avoid a possibly lengthy wait as we would have to radio out to the recess aides to locate your child who then has to go to their locker/class. Often, dismissals are for appointments and we would hate to see you potentially be late. Therefore, err on the side of caution and dismiss before the following recess times:

- Grade 5 (12:40-1:00)
- Grade 6 (12:05-12:25)

Thanks for helping us keep children safe and get them to HR & important appointments on time.