

Parking Lot Safety Reminders

A reminder that all our previous parking lot policies remain in place. The purpose of these policies is to help ensure students entering and exiting campus are safe. Thank you for supporting vehicular safety during drop-off and pick-up.

- **Parking in the lot is for staff only.**
 - Parents who want to park and walk their child to school must park in the neighborhood.
 - We have 100 staff members and all spots are reserved.
 - Cars parking and reversing in the lot during drop-off/pick-up is dangerous for those students entering/exiting vehicles in the drive-through, and holds up traffic.
 - Cars without a staff permit that are parked in the lot, or cars that are left unattended, will be ticketed and/or towed.
 - For evening events after school parents may park in the lot. For special events, parking may be available on the big yard, or parking restrictions in the surrounding neighborhood may be lifted.
- McKinley offers a **drive-through drop-off and pick-up** for families who do not walk to school or prefer not to park in the neighborhood.
 - At morning drop-off between 8:15-8:30am, cars may drive-through the parking lot and students may exit the vehicle to enter the school at the Courtyard Gate. TK/K will enter the school at the TK/K Parking Lot gate.
 - After school cars may wait in the drive-through lane in the parking lot. Students will wait at the Courtyard Gate for their vehicle to pull up, and staff will escort them to their car. There is not a drive-through pick-up option for TK/K at this time.
 - Parents using the drive-through system must pull all the way up to the **Courtyard Gate or the TK/K Parking Lot Gate**. The Parking Lot (CREST) Gate is not a car drop-off or pick-up location; this gate is for students walking. Stopping at the Parking Lot Gate blocks cars reducing the efficiency of the drive-through, and is also a safety hazard for walking students.
 - **Parents** using the drive-through system must **stay in their cars**. Students will enter/exit the vehicle on their own. This supports the efficiency of the drive-through lane, and reduces risks associated with unattended vehicles.
 - The drive-through lane is one way only. Enter through the “enter only” and exit through the “exit only.” Please drive slowly and carefully.
- Students walking to school should not walk between cars. Walkers should utilize the designated crosswalk, walking paths around the perimeter of the lot, and sidewalks.
 - Students walking to school may use any gate that is closest to them. 1st-5th walking to school may enter via the Arizona Garden, Arizona, or Parking Lot Gates. TK/K walking to school may enter via the Chelsea Ave Gate.
 - Car drive-through drop off gates are the TK/K Parking Lot Gate and the Courtyard Gate.
 - Please walk bikes, scooters, skateboards when in the parking lot and on campus.

Staff will be in the parking lot to provide reminders of these policies. Thank you for your understanding and support.