



PEAK TO PEAK
CHARTER SCHOOL
800 Merlin Drive • Lafayette, CO 80026

2020-21 TRAFFIC AND PARKING PLAN

Please see the attached diagram that highlights the traffic flow for daily drop-off and pick-up of students. Also note the designated parking areas on the attached diagram. For the first few weeks of school, traffic on campus will undoubtedly be heavy and congested, so please be patient and considerate. Please follow the guidelines listed below to allow for a safer and more pleasant experience. Also, keep in mind that traffic will improve in a few weeks as carpools get established and people stagger the times that they arrive. **Please note that Puma Drive is a one-way entrance at all times, and Canterbury Drive is a one-way exit at all times.**

ELEMENTARY TRAFFIC

- All elementary traffic should enter campus from Merlin Drive or Spaulding Street and use the front circle to drop-off and pick-up elementary students.
- Please be courteous, stay in single file on the circle, and move forward to the next available drop-off spot. Avoid cutting around other vehicles and endangering the children.
- Students should only enter and exit vehicles in the designated pick-up and drop-off zones, and on curbside only.
- Parents, please remain in your vehicles to keep traffic moving.
- In the front circle, drop-off only between the designated signs in the circle.
- If you have both elementary and secondary students, you may drop off using Puma Drive.
- Vehicles should never be unattended in the front circle - it is for drop-off and pick-up only, not for parking.
- There are three lanes on the front drive entering the campus from the west. The south lane is for entrance into campus. The middle lane is for exiting campus straight onto Spaulding Street or exiting left (south) onto Merlin Drive. The north lane is for exiting right (north) onto Merlin Drive.
- For elementary pick-up in the front circle, please place your family number sign in your front passenger side window so the teachers can enter the number in the Driveline program. This saves a considerable amount of time for all.
- If you do not have a family number sign, please contact the front office with your last name and your youngest child's teacher name. Signs will be made and distributed in Friday Folders. Until you get one, you may make your own sign in large letters.
- Students will wait inside their classrooms until numbers are entered for dismissal.

SECONDARY TRAFFIC

- All secondary traffic should enter the campus from Emma Street onto Puma Drive, a two-lane one-way entrance.
- At the intersection of Puma Drive with the west parking lot, the left lane will turn onto the north drive to drop-off students on the sidewalk north of the high school and the gymnasiums; while the right lane will turn right into the main parking lot, either to park or circle the lot and enter the north drive to drop-off students.
- Canterbury Drive is a two-lane one-way exit, so it cannot be used to enter campus. At the intersection of Canterbury Drive with Emma Street, vehicles in the right lane will exit right onto Emma, and vehicles in the left lane will exit left onto Emma.
- Once school is dismissed and the car line starts to move, please continue to pull your vehicle forward until your child meets you at your car. This will help keep traffic from backing up on Emma Street and reduce the possibility of accidents.
- No vehicle along the north drive should ever be unattended. This lane is intended for drop-off and pick-up only – never for parking.

SCHOOL START & END TIMES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL starts at 8:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM.

SECONDARY SCHOOL starts at 7:55 AM and ends at 3:10 PM.

Elementary supervision begins at 7:40 AM and ends at 3:20 PM. If you arrive before or after these times, your children will be brought to the before-and-after-school program (BAASC), for which you will be charged. This also will apply to early release days.

NO PARKING and NO STOPPING AREAS

- Parking along the north drive is never allowed, since this is the drop-off and pick-up zone for secondary students. Please refrain from leaving vehicles unattended here, even after school hours.
- Do not park in the handicapped or reserved spaces, unless you are disabled or paid for a reserved space. Also, please do not use handicapped spaces to drop-off students, unless you are disabled.
- Do not park along the front drive or front circle.
- Do not park on the side streets off Spaulding Street; these are private drives, and we want to honor our neighbors.
- While you may stop and drop-off a student on the west side of Merlin Drive (north of Spaulding), please do not park here and leave your vehicle.

VEHICLE IDLING

We don't recommend arriving to campus for pick-up prior to 2:45 PM. When you arrive and are waiting for the carline to move, we encourage you to turn off your vehicle and not allow it to idle. This will reduce exhaust fumes at the pick-up points, improve air quality for students, and save fuel.

PARKING

On the attached diagram please note the designated parking areas:

- The north parking lot is reserved for staff.
- The east (back) parking lot is for both staff and parents.
- The west (front) parking lot is designated as follows: the west $\frac{3}{4}$ of the west lot is reserved for students, and the east $\frac{1}{4}$ of the west lot is for visitors and parents. Please see the signs posted in the lot.
- The ball field parking lots along Puma Drive are open for anyone to use.
- In addition to the parking lots on campus, you may park along the east side of Merlin Drive.
- If you wish to park and escort your child to their classroom, please plan to come early. The parking lots fill up very quickly, usually by about 7:45 AM.

RTD PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

We made a commitment to the City of Lafayette when we moved to this campus that we would carpool and/or use public transportation as much as possible, so please use these options. We desire to be good neighbors. You may buy a RTD Teen Bus Pass in the K-12 front office. We are on the JUMP bus route that picks up and drops off on Merlin/Spaulding, at the end of the front drive. These passes will be available from September – May. Find them online at: <http://www.rtd-denver.com/Routes/RouteJUMP/230Weekdays.html>

CARPOOLING

We encourage all families to carpool! If you did not get carpool information in the mail already but would like it, please contact DrCog at 303-480-6772 or go to www.drcog.org. They can inform you of others who live in your neighborhood that attend Peak to Peak. For Elementary, be sure to update your authorized pick up signature sheet in the office if carpool information changes. Save yourself some gas and traffic headaches by carpooling!

SAFETY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY

Please avoid texting while you are driving on campus, and drive cautiously at all times on campus. Remember to always watch for children. Students are often distracted during drop-off and pick-up and may not be paying close attention to cars. **Our number one priority is the safety of your children, so thank you in advance for following the rules!**