

Traffic, Arrival and Dismissal Procedures 2026-27



MORNING ARRIVAL: 8:00 a.m.

Morning arrival time is key for setting the tone for the day, and your punctual arrival helps set students up success. School begins at 8:00 a.m. and students are marked tardy at 8:10 am.

Pre-K Students

- Please use the Highland Street entrance adjacent to Herrick House leading directly to Huntington House.
- Students should wait for a teacher to assist with unloading. This process begins at 8:00 a.m.

Kindergarten - Grade 8 Students

- Please use the DCD driveway, turning left off of Sandy Valley Road.
- Pull up to the fire hydrant at the end of the curb (adjacent to the Rand Gym) before allowing students to exit their vehicles.
- Students may not unload along the field, but wait until reaching the sidewalk.
- Please be patient and wait for the cars in front of you to pull out; do not "leapfrog" the line.
- Drivers should not exit vehicles during drop off; if students need assistance, please park your vehicle.

Early Drop-off for All Students

Early morning coverage is available for all students in the Rand Gym each day at 7:15 a.m with no sign-up required. Lower school students remain in the gym until 8:00 a.m. and middle school students may access the middle school hallway for social time at 7:40 a.m. All PreK students are escorted to Huntington House by an adult. There is no additional charge for early arrival.

Reminders!

- ★ Drive slowly! The speed limit is 10 mph on campus and 25 mph in our residential neighborhood. Adhering to the speed limit keeps our students safe and our neighbors happy.
- ★ Refrain from all mobile phone use during drop-off.
- ★ Students should exit vehicles on the side closest to the sidewalk.



Drivers should not exit their vehicles during drop off.
Please park if additional time or assistance is needed.

Students should be ready to exit the car with shoes on, and coats and backpacks on or in hand.

LOWER SCHOOL AFTERNOON DISMISSAL: 3:00 p.m.

ALL SCHOOL DISMISSAL: FRIDAY, 12:30 p.m.

Please arrive on campus **no more than 10 minutes before dismissal**. Early arrivals pose roadway challenges to our neighbors and are also distracting to students. **Students do not come outside until 3:00 p.m. (Mon - Thurs) and 12:30 p.m. (Fri).**

Pre-K Students

- Please use the Highland Street entrance adjacent to Herrick House leading directly to Huntington House.
- All Pre-K students are dismissed from Huntington House. Cars should pick-up older siblings first through the main driveline, and then proceed to Huntington House for PreK pick up.
- When leaving, follow the one-way driveway between the Rand Gym and the swimming pools to merge with the main driveway (also one-way) and exit onto Highland Street.

Kindergarten - Grade 5 Students (Mon - Thurs)

Kindergarten - Grade 8 (Fri)

- Do not arrive for dismissal **until after** 2:50 p.m. (Mon-Thurs.) and 12:20 p.m. (Fri.)
- Cars should proceed down the driveway and line up from the top (nearest to the fire hydrant by the Rand Gym) to its end.
- Once filled, all cars must drive past the DCD main driveway toward the faculty lot, turn around, and begin lining up along the fence adjacent to the baseball field.
- When directed by a staff member, a second lane of cars will line up in the driveway up to the yellow line. This allows for students to be picked up along the field and when directed, along the front yellow curb.
- **Cars must stay in their lane and wait to be directed by a faculty/staff member to depart. CARS SHOULD NOT CHANGE LANES ONCE LOADED.**
- Any students remaining at dismissal after 10 minutes will be directed to Extended Day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTERNOON DISMISSAL: 4:30 p.m.

Grade 6-8 Students

- Do not arrive to line up on Sandy Valley Road until 4:15 p.m.
- Cars should proceed down the driveway and line up from the top (nearest to the fire hydrant) to the end.
- Once filled, all cars must drive past the DCD main driveway toward the faculty lot, turn around, and begin lining up along the fence adjacent to the baseball field.
- As space becomes available, cars should proceed down the driveway. A second lane of cars in the driveway is not utilized during middle school dismissal.
- Any students remaining at dismissal after 10 minutes will be directed to Extended Day.

Reminders!

- ★ Drive slowly! The speed limit is 10 mph on campus and 25 mph in our residential neighborhood.
- ★ Please follow the directions of our faculty and staff and refrain from using your cell phone.
- ★ Again, we implore you to arrive on campus **no more** than 10 minutes before dismissal. Early arrivals pose roadway challenges to our neighbors and are also distracting to students.

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

The “home base” for the Extended Day Program (EDP) is the Primary Gym, located adjacent to the faculty parking lot. To pick up students from the EDP, please come to the Primary Gym and call or text 781-708-5592 to announce your arrival.

PARKING ON CAMPUS

Visitor parking is available in front and adjacent to the school’s main entrance. If a visitor parking spot is not available between the hours of 8:00 am - 2:30 pm, please park on the grassy area along the main driveway, across from the front playing fields. Parking is prohibited in this area 30 minutes prior to school dismissal.

CAMPUS MAP

