

HAMBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES FOR HMS STUDENTS

SAFETY FIRST!

Hamburg Middle School students are expected to come directly to school and to go home by the safest possible route. On their way to and from school, students are to conduct themselves courteously and obey all school and traffic rules.

ARRIVAL

School starts at 7:40am for grades 6-8. The Main Entrance is open for students at 7:00am. The Cafeteria Entrance opens at 7:30am for Busing students. Students who arrive after 7am, but before 7:25am will report to the cafeteria where there is supervision. Student should not arrive prior to 7am.



DISMISSAL

School ends at 2:20pm for grades 6-8 and students will be dismissed from class at that time. Buses leave the parking lot at 2:25pm. With 900 students being dismissed at once, students and parents need to have a well-developed plan to ensure safety.



TRAFFIC CONTROL

The safety of the students is the most important goal during drop-off and pick-up. We all have the responsibility to see that every child is safe. In addition, we need to keep traffic moving to facilitate student arrival and dismissal in a timely way. Is it imperative that the following procedures be observed:

WALKING/BIKING/BOARDING

- Students should walk/ride on the sidewalk along HOWE Field on Division Street. Stay off the shoulder of the road at private lawns.
- A Crossing Guard stands at the corner of Division and Legion to assist in street crossing. Students crossing South Park should use the light at the end of Colonial.
- Bikers can chain their bikes to the fence along HOWE Field. Student with board, scooters, etc... must put them in their lockers or make arrangements with a teacher to store them in a classroom.



CAR RIDERS

- Drivers must go through the turnaround and drop students off in the designated area in front of the building. Students should be exiting the cars on the sidewalk side of Division via the passenger side of the car.
- The designated area in front of the school is for student drop off and pick up only. Stay in your vehicle and keep moving forward as cars in front of you leave. If your child needs assistance getting something large out of the car, pull into a legally designated parking space and walk your child to the building using the cross walk.
- Keep your vehicle out of the designated cross walks. Blocking the walkways creates unsafe conditions for others.
- There is no safe zone to walk in the Staff Parking lot. Keep your child in the car until you can get to the designated drop off zone. The bus access road is for buses only.
- U-turns anywhere on Division Street are prohibited. Use the turn-around or a side street, if you need to turn around.
- Double-parking/standing is very dangerous – wait until you can get your car next to the designated curb to let your child out.
- Be patient! You are training your child(ren) on how to follow rules and laws by the example you set. Set cell phones, coffee and other distractions aside for the few minutes it takes to drop off/pick up your child. 100% of your attention will assure the safety of our students and allow our traffic to move much more quickly.
- If you arrive after the busses start to leave the parking lot, you WILL have to wait for them to leave before you can drop your child off. We suggest you plan to get to school before the morning busses start to dismiss.

