

# Plantation Park Elementary

## Traffic and Safety Rules and Expectations

*The safety of our children is of utmost importance. Your cooperation is needed during the times children are driven to school and picked up after school. To ensure the safety of all children, the guidelines listed below **must** be followed.*

DO:

- Students are to be dropped off and picked up at their designated areas and times.
- The front loop is for buses/private providers beginning at 7:40am and 2:00pm.
- Park in a visitor parking space if you have school business inside of the building.
- Inform your child's teacher of any changes to the usual pick-up arrangement.
- Follow traffic patterns and keep the flow of traffic moving.
- Stay in your car at all times. Someone will assist your child in/out of your car.
- Car riders should have the pick-up sign displayed in the car dash.
- Drive slowly. Watch for merging traffic as you exit the drop-off area.
- Walkers must cross at the designated crosswalk areas.
- Provide a good example for your child – always follow the rules and be courteous to safety patrols, volunteers, staff, and other adults and children.
- **Most important, please exercise patience.**

DON'T:

- Do not use your cell phone while in the drop-off and pick-up line.
- Do not pull in front of or around a school bus or private provider vehicle.
- Do not open the driver door or exit your car while in drop-off or pick-up line.
- Do not block crosswalks or handicapped parking.
- Do not signal to your child to come when he/she must pass in front of a car.
- Do not park in an area where orange cones are present.
- Do not leave your car unattended in drop-off or pick-up line.

We thank you for helping keep our children safe!  
If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, please let us know.

# Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

## Arrival

Classrooms have been assigned to one of two areas for student morning drop off. Once the students are dropped off they should proceed directly to their classroom where they will remain seated outside the classroom wall until the first bell rings at 8:00am.

**South Driveway:** Grades 1, 3, 5

**North Driveway:** Grades K, 2, 4

- Students are to be dropped off and picked up at their designated areas and times.
  - Before 7:25am: Children are **not** permitted on campus. No supervision available.
  - 7:25am: Children are permitted on campus if eating breakfast
  - 7:40am: Children are permitted to sit outside of their classroom
- The front loop is for buses/private providers **only** beginning at 7:40am and 2:00pm.

## Dismissal

Students are to be picked up at their designated pickup areas. If you are waiting to pick up your child, please DO NOT leave your car unattended and DO NOT block the flow of traffic. In order to speed up the traffic flow, we are requesting that parents keep moving up as the line moves forward. Please instruct your child to go to his/her pick-up area as soon as s/he is dismissed. Car riders, bike riders, and walkers will be dismissed at 2:10pm daily. All aftercare and bus riders will be dismissed at 2:00pm.

**South Driveway:** Grades 1, 3, 5

**North Driveway:** Grades K, 2, 4

For safety reasons, please do not double park or signal to your child to leave the sidewalk to come to you when s/he must pass in front of another car, even though the car is not moving at that time. There will be someone at the designated crosswalk on the south parking lot to assist with stopping traffic to allow crossing with an adult. Parents or guardians of car riders should have the pick-up sign displayed in their car window. Please exercise patience the first few weeks of school, as everyone is adjusting to new pick-up locations.

**PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD KNOWS WHERE TO MEET YOU EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL. PLEASE INFORM YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OF ANY CHANGES TO THE USUAL PICK-UP ARRANGEMENT.**

***Cell phones should not be used in school zones. Beginning 10/1/19, per Florida law, it will be illegal to use a handheld device in school zones, even if drivers are just using them to talk on the phone. In those situations, hands-free use such as through a Bluetooth device will be allowed. PPE recommends driver's pay attention to the road and stay off their phone at all times!***