

Questions and Answers About New Drop Off and Pick Up Policies BEGINNING JANUARY 7, 2019

Q: Is the Preschool affected by any of these changes?

A: No.

Q: My child uses before-school child care. Are there any changes?

A: No, it's just the same. Use your code on the Virginia Avenue Pedestrian Gate between 7:00-8:00 am to enter campus and sign your child in to the child care room.

Q: My child eats breakfast in the cafeteria. Will these changes affect us?

A: Only if you arrive for breakfast between 7:45-8:00 am. Then you will need a code to enter through the Virginia Avenue Pedestrian Gate. Breakfast will still be served between 7:45 and 8:20 am. Parents may still keep their children company in the cafeteria while they eat.

Q: When are the Virginia and Kansas Avenue Gates open for general arrivals?

A: 8:00 am - 8:30 am. Please do not drop students off earlier as there is no supervision on campus.

Q: Are there any changes in the use of the drop off zones?

A: No, but we'd love some volunteers to help in the mornings and afternoons!

Q: Can I still walk on to campus to wait with my child in the morning?

A: Yes, you can. You can wait with your child in the large courtyard between the cafeteria and the community room or in the cafeteria. All other areas are for Students and Staff only. Say goodbye to your child in the courtyard when the teachers arrive.

Q: Can I walk my child to the classroom door?

A: No. Your child's day begins when the teacher arrives in the courtyard and teachers take the class to the classrooms and begin the day. We teach "bell to bell", and every minute matters – including arrival rituals and Class Morning Meetings. If you need to speak with a teacher, please leave a phone or email message and they'll get back to you. If you arrive late, sign your child in at the office and we'll send your child to the classroom.

Q: I want to walk on to the campus to wait for my child on campus in the afternoon. Can I still do that?

A: Yes, but enter through the Virginia Avenue Gate. If you are picking up a student in TK, K, 1st, or 2nd grade, you will need a code to open the pedestrian gate. Come in and wait in the large courtyard and the teachers will walk the students out to you. If you are picking up students in grades 3-4-5, the large gate will open just before dismissal and you are welcome to come in and wait in the courtyard for your child.

Q: Can I wait on the benches under the covered area outside the cafeteria?

A: Unfortunately, no. This is an area that we use for teaching and learning – for students whose day is still in progress and for our CREST and School-Age Child Care programs. It is a student and staff zone only. If it's rainy, you are welcome to wait in the covered area by the office.

Q: It's easier to park on Kansas in the afternoon. Can I pick my 1st-5th grade child up on Kansas Avenue?

A: Yes you can. The gate will be open for students to exit from 2:45-3:15 pm. Park and walk to the gate. Wait outside the gate until the Gate Supervisor opens the gate and the students walk out. You can also drive up to the drop off zone and your child will wait with the Gate Supervisor until you pull up. Families and caregivers will not be admitted to campus through this gate in the afternoon because it opens directly into areas still in use by students.

Q: What if I'm running late and I don't get to the gate or the pick-up zone until after 3:15 pm?

A: The Gate Supervisor won't leave any children on the sidewalk when it's time to lock the gate. At both the Kansas Avenue and Virginia Avenue gates, your child will go back into the school, check in with the office and then go to Playground Access to wait for you. Use the Virginia Avenue Gate to come in and pick up your child.

Q: How do I pick up my child from child care or other afterschool programs?

A: All pick-ups from afterschool programs will be through the Virginia Avenue Gate. If the office is open, ring the bell and we'll admit you. If the office is closed, use the code to the Virginia Avenue Pedestrian Gate and come in to pick up your child.

Q: How do I get the code for the pedestrian gate?

A: From your afterschool care provider or from the front office. We change it periodically and will let you know when it changes.