

BEACON HEIGHTS – SCHOOL PARKING & TRAFFIC FLOW GUIDELINES

In the Parking Lot and Drop Off Loop (front of school):

-No parking on the red curb – ever! The right lane of the drop off loop is for loading and unloading only. Drivers **MUST** remain in their vehicle at all times. Please **DO NOT** park and leave your car in the drop off lane, even for a minute. This creates a dangerous situation for students because then parents stop and drop off their kids in the passing lane instead of having the opportunity to drop them off at the curb. If you need to go into the school, even if it is just for a minute, please park your car in parking spot, leaving the curb free for students who are being dropped off or picked up. The passing lane is our school's emergency access lane. Let's hope we never need a fire truck to serve our school, but that lane must remain clear in case we do need emergency access. If you need to leave your vehicle, even for just a minute, you must park in the lot.

-No parking or stopping in the crosswalk – ever. This is a law. **NEVER** back up across a crosswalk. Backing into crosswalks is extremely dangerous. If there are cars in front of you, please wait until you can pull forward.

-Do not allow passengers to get in or out of your car if you are in the left lane. This is dangerous to you, to other drivers around you, and most of all to your children. The left lane is for moving traffic only. This goes for 2500 East as well.

-Use the parking lot if your children are going to take some time getting into or out of your vehicle. Take the extra minute and walk your children through the lot and through the crosswalk to the building.

-Use the crosswalk to cross from the parking lot. Make it a habit.

-Come to a complete stop and observe the right turn only sign at the top of the drop off loop.

On 2500 East:

-No parking or stopping in the crosswalk – ever. This is a law. For your convenience, our crosswalk is painted white and the crosswalk curb is painted red. Please do not park in the crosswalk at any time, even when dropping off or picking up your student. We need to keep the crosswalk clear so that students who are crossing the street will have an unobstructed view of the street for safe access.

-Don't make a U-turn. This disrupts traffic flow and is dangerous to walkers.

-Don't park in the bus zone.

-Do not allow passengers to get in or out of your car unless you are parked at the curb. Please have passengers get out onto the sidewalk and not into the street.

Back of School:

-No parking or stopping in the bus lane located south of the play field – ever. Please do not park in this bus lane. This is reserved for buses which can arrive at the school any time of day. If you are parked in this lane, the buses cannot pull through. Thank you for your cooperation.

Don't idle your vehicle while waiting. Please turn your engine off if you will be at the curb for more than a minute or two.

Do not talk on your cell phone while you are driving anywhere near the school. Wait until you are well clear of the building and our children before considering a phone conversation.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our children safe.