



FWES Carpool Procedures Updates

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With the recent changes at the crosswalk, the Cary Police Department worked with parents and the school to develop a plan that will improve the safety of the school entrance area during morning and afternoon carpool. The plan will require families to make some adjustments over next few weeks and your cooperation is appreciated.

The changes outlined below are Cary Police Department recommendations and they will also be monitoring our carpool area to support the changes. Thank you for reading through them carefully and considering the changes you may need to make in your morning routine to accommodate these new procedures.

Beginning Wednesday, October 17, 2018

- **Single File Traffic Only:** All traffic traveling on Hampton Valley Road should travel in a SINGLE FILE pattern- carpool cars should NOT pull to the curb but remain in the middle of the lane as you approach the school to enter for carpool.
 - Cary PD reminds everyone that Hampton Valley Road is meant for only one line of cars on each side and there should not be 4 lanes of traffic present.
- **No Passing-** No car- FWES family, WCPSS Bus or Transport Vehicle, or neighborhood traffic will be allowed to pass vehicles during arrival and dismissal- as Hampton Valley Road is a two lane road. Thank you for remaining in line until it is your turn to access the campus.
- **Use Zipper Pattern to Enter:** With traffic in a single file pattern in both directions on Hampton Valley Road- drivers are asked to use a "Zipper Pattern" to take turns entering the campus from both directions on Hampton Valley Road
 - One car turns right into the school from Hampton Valley- the next car should wait and let one car take the left car into the campus- then the next car takes a right into campus- then the next left turn car, etc. Making sure that all who are turning are doing so safely and taking turns entering the campus



- **Use Driving Regulations and Be Courteous-** Drivers must follow all traffic rules when accessing the carpool lane at FWES at all times. Thank you for also remembering to be courteous to all other drivers #otherpeoplematter.

Beginning Thursday, November 1, 2018

Cars will need to continue to move in a single file line on Hampton Valley Road in both directions. Traffic will not be allowed to pass cars in the road and Driving Regulations and Courteous actions will continue to be required- However- the "Zipper Pattern" will be eliminated as left turns into the carpool lane will no longer be allowed.

- **Right Turn In and Right Turn Out-** To improve safety at our entrance the Cary Police Department will assist the school to create a new traffic pattern during carpool morning and afternoon.
 - Cars will ONLY be allowed to access the carpool loop by making a right turn in FROM Hampton Valley Road
 - Cars will ONLY be allowed to make a right turn OUT of the carpool loop onto Hampton Valley Road after going through the carpool lane
- **Map your Travels In and Out-** Maps of the surrounding area will be shared to help families plan their trip in order to enter from Cary Parkway to Hampton Valley Road, along with how to exit when turning right onto Hampton Valley.



Please remember that safety is the first priority for all of the changes being made- allowing cars and pedestrians safe access from 8:45-9:15am and 3:45-4:10pm.

As with all new procedures, we will continue to monitor and collect information in order to make any informed decisions to address continuing concerns.

FWES appreciates the Town of Cary and the Cary Police Department collaboration with the school and with FWES families to seek possible solutions that maintain safety for everyone.