

# Farmington Woods Walker Procedures for 2017-18

As a school located in a neighborhood, we are fortunate that many families are able to walk to and from our campus each day. However, because we are not a pedestrian only campus and also receive 300-400 cars and 13+ buses and vans each day, it is important to have safety procedures in place for all students each day.



Please note that dogs are not allowed on the school campus. If you walk with a dog to or from school you will need to remain with your dog on Hampton Valley Road while your child walks to and from the school building.

## **Arrival Walkers:**

- Students who arrive to school as walkers should use appropriate sidewalks to access the campus.
- Students should arrive to school no earlier than 8:45am. When the bell rings at 8:45am walkers may enter the school through the front doors to begin their school day. Walkers may not enter the building through other school entrances.
- For the safety of students, families may not drop off students on Cary Parkway, Hampton Valley Road or other areas of the school campus for the student to then "walk" to the front door. Families must either drive through the carpool lane to drop off a student with appropriate supervision or park and monitor the child as they use appropriate sidewalks and crossing guards. ***We have received permission from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Seabrook Ave. at Cary Parkway for families to use their parking lot during arrival to walk and drop off students. Families are encouraged to take advantage of this very convenient location and avoid morning traffic congestion around the school.***
- Families wishing to walk with students to the front doors are welcome at front of the school. Those wishing to walk to the classroom with students are welcome to walk with your child as long as you arrive to school in time to have exited the building by the 9:15am start of the instructional day. ***Please note that arrival time is not the time to conference with your child's teacher as he/she has other responsibilities at that time.***

## **Dismissal Walkers:**

- Walkers will be dismissed from their classrooms at 3:45pm when the school dismissal bell rings and all will exit the building through the main entrance doors at the front of the school.
- Students leaving school as walkers should use sidewalks to exit the school campus as quickly as possible. Families who wish to meet walkers at the end of the school day should wait at the front area of the campus (porch and sidewalk) and remain outside during dismissal. Students will not be allowed to walk to the lower parking lot to meet a parent at dismissal as that lot is used for buses and is not supervised. Families are also asked to leave campus as soon as you meet your child.
- Families are asked to use the carpool process if you are driving to campus to pick up your child. However, if you indicate your child is a walker and choose to drive and park to meet your child you will need to park legally and respectfully and be able to meet your child at 3:45pm. ***We have received permission from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Seabrook Ave. at Cary Parkway for families to use their parking lot during dismissal to pick up students. Families are encouraged to take advantage of this very convenient location and avoid afternoon traffic congestion around the school by parking there and walking to the campus to meet students.***
- Students who have not exited campus when the carpool begins will be escorted into the office. Parents who are late to meet their walkers will need to go into the office to sign out the student. If you are unable to meet your child by 3:45pm each day, you will need to use the carpool system or enroll in the after school program. Excessive late pick-ups may also result in a referral to the school social worker.
- Families are asked to find areas away from the school campus for socializing. It is not safe when carpool begins moving for families to remain on campus for conversations or playing.
- For school campus safety, if you are meeting a walker and have a younger child not yet enrolled at FWES, please make sure that the younger child is appropriately supervised by holding his/her hand while waiting for your school aged child. It is not safe for young children to run freely in an area with so much traffic. Thank you for helping us keep everyone in our FWES families safe!
- After walkers are dismissed, the remaining students in the school are dismissed through carpool and buses. Walkers and their families are not allowed to re-enter the building to retrieve forgotten/lost items or talk to a staff member until after the entire dismissal process has been completed around 4:20pm. During this dismissal time, all staff members are involved in supervisory duties. Please schedule appointments ahead of time if you need to speak with a school staff member or wait until the dismissal process has been completed to request time for a quick conversation.