

# Green Hope Elementary

## Carpool and Parking Lot Safety Rules

Let's keep our kids safe!

### Student Safety



#### Timing is everything!

**8:45 am** – Students can be let out of cars in the carpool loop. Drop-off **CANNOT** happen earlier than 8:45am.

**8:45 - 9:05 am** – The Safety Patrol assists your student out of the car

**9:10 am and after** – There is **no adult supervision** in the front of the school and for safety, you **MUST park**, walk your child in and **sign them in** for the day. Do **NOT** drop them off in the carpool loop and drive away.

### Driver Safety



Obey **ALL** stop signs and stop at **ALL** crosswalks!

**SLOW DOWN!!** Drive **SLOWLY** in the school parking lot and in the carpool loop.

**NO CELL PHONES** in the parking lot and carpool loop. Keep your attention on safety!



**Stay in line!** The first cars in a group should pull up to the very front of the sidewalk. All others should pull up to the back of the car in front of them.

**DO NOT** pull out of the carpool line and around cars. **PLEASE** wait for the car in front of you to move.

**Stay in your car.** Our Safety Patrol will help your child into and out of the car.

**BEFORE** your pull up to the carpool loop in the morning, have your kids **ready to exit** the car, with backpacks and everything in their hands.

Children should **only** exit or enter the car **IN FRONT OF** a Safety Patrol or staff member on the passenger (sidewalk) side of the car.



Please **DO** park in the parking lot rows furthest from the school. Closer rows are for staff parking and become blocked during carpool.

**NO PARKING** in front of the school or in the carpool loop from 8:00-9:15 and 3:30-4:00. (The only exception is for handicapped parking permits.)

**NO PARKING** on curbs or in the school's loading dock area.

Do not pass cars in the carpool loop (unless parking in a handicapped space)

### Pedestrian Safety



Cross only at marked cross walks, **NOT BETWEEN CARS!** Drivers cannot see you!

If you do not drive through the carpool line, you **MUST park and walk** your children to the front of the school during drop off.

**DO NOT** let your child out in the parking lot to walk alone to the building and **DO NOT** ask your child to meet you in the parking lot after school.

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## Afternoon Carpool and Walkers - How does it work?



### **Will you use the carpool AT LEAST once a week?**

Pick up a carpool number (at Open House or from the front office) for your family. You will keep this number for your entire time at GHE.

Hang this tag from your front **inside** mirror with the number facing out when you go through the carpool line.

### **Will you use the carpool LESS than once a week?**

You will give your name and your child's name to the staff member in the carpool line. We'll also check your driver's license for security.



### **How does the afternoon carpool work?**

Carpoolers are dismissed to the cafeteria after school and gather with staff in an orderly fashion.

Outside, a staff member walks along the carpool loop and records the carpool numbers. These carpool numbers are relayed to the staff in the cafeteria and the children are lined up, in groups of eight, to go out to the carpool line.

The students walk, in an orderly line, out to the sidewalk where a staff member is waiting to assist them. When your group of cars is ready, the students walk to their cars and are assisted by the safety patrol and staff members into the cars.

### **Why does carpool take so long to get going?**

Safety will ALWAYS be our top priority so we won't bring kids out until they're ready! Please be patient the first few weeks of school while our students are learning their numbers (and parents are learning the carpool rules!). Carpool works beautifully once it is established!



***If you need to make any changes to your child's transportation method (either for a single day or a permanent change), you must send the change IN WRITING to your CHILD's teacher.***

# Remember: Safety First, ALWAYS!