

NPA DRIVEWAY SAFETY

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ENTRANCE:

Soliere Avenue and Sparrow Avenue are the only entrances to campus. The Sparrow entrance can only be accessed by traveling west on Sparrow and making a right into campus. The Soliere entrance can be accessed from either direction coming off of Soliere. See the map on our website under Parents>Carline and Campus Map Info.

EXITS:

There are **TWO** ways to exit the campus, and both are onto Sparrow:

1. **Headed north on Fourth Street or trying to return to Soliere?** Exit onto Sparrow Ave. very close to Fourth Street. To use this exit, stay in the right lane after passing by the Middle School building that's closer to Fourth Street. This exit is RIGHT TURN ONLY onto Sparrow toward Fourth Street, and will put you in the lane which will be turning right (north) onto Fourth Street. If you are seeking to turn left (south) onto Fourth Street from Sparrow, you should not use this exit.
2. **Headed south on Fourth Street or east on Sparrow?** Exit via the exit at the corner of the gym, directly across from the entrance to the FUSD Admin lot. Traffic exiting here is in two lanes. The left lane is for those turning left (east) onto Sparrow, and the right lane is for those turning right (west) onto Sparrow toward Fourth Street.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS:

- **Safety First:** We have children who may not always be acting as smart pedestrians, and inexperienced student drivers. **Convenience must be trumped by safety.**
 - a. Be extra observant.
 - b. Set your coffee or drink in its cup holder.
 - c. Do not use cell phones, even for "just a quick call," while in your vehicle on the NPA campus unless you are PARKED in a parking spot.
 - d. Never allow your child to load or unload in areas other than those designated as load/unload zones.

Crosswalks: There are pedestrian crosswalks running between the two buildings and the stairs which lead down to the main building entrance. Keep watch here and avoid stopping where you would block the crosswalks.

Snow/Ice: On bad weather days, pay extra special attention, take it slow, and follow the instructions of the teachers on duty. There may be sections of the driveway limited to single lane traffic. Be especially careful on the hill going DOWN toward the High School ("Old Main") building. Remind your children to be careful walking.

- **Efficiency of Flow Is Crucial:** We all know that parents need to get on to other destinations, as do the students. The City of Flagstaff is quite adamant that our traffic does not back up onto the streets. It is therefore very important that drivers and students all avoid practices that will waste time and impede the flow of the carline. To that end, here are some possible holdups and what you should do to avoid them:

- a. **Know your zone.** We have THREE load/unload zones. Each zone is labeled with colored markings on the map and on the pavement. The first is the YELLOW zone and is in front of the Middle School building (closest to Fourth Street). The second is the BLUE zone and is along the west side of the High School building ("Old Main"). The third is the RED zone, which runs from the bottom of the hill past the main entrance and up to the final turn before exiting near the gym. High School students should plan to use the blue or red zone.
- b. **Everyone be ready to unload.** Sometimes we have students being dropped off finishing conversations with parents who are then not able to drive away and make room for others. In the morning, please plan ahead so that these kids of conversations are not necessary. Likewise, students and their belongings should be ready to exit the vehicle quickly.
- c. **Students be ready to load.** In the afternoon, the students tend to want to mingle and socialize with friends after school while waiting for pickup. That's natural, but please TRAIN your children to be on the lookout for you so that when your vehicle is ready for loading, they will be too, and you are not taking up a loading spot for minutes before they finally notice you and load. If you get to the front of your zone and your child is not in sight and on the way to loading, please either move on and make a loop around the campus or pull into an available parking space to wait.
- d. **Know your pickup place.** Vehicles with children headed to different buildings must choose ONE drop off spot for the morning and ONE pickup spot for the afternoon. The afternoon is always more difficult: please make sure your riders know they must get to your pre-arranged pickup zone as soon as possible after dismissal and be on the lookout for your vehicle.
- e. **Maximize the load/unload space.** Within each load/unload zone, PLEASE PULL FORWARD as you are able to. If a zone is ten car spaces long, and you stop just after entering the zone, then maybe only three cars can be loading/unloading. If you pull forward as far as you can, it maximizes how many cars can load/unload at the same time, and makes the whole process move along. If in pulling forward you happen to pass by your child, they can walk a bit to catch up with you further up in the load zone.
- f. **Leave when ready.** In each load/unload zone, the right hand lane is for loading and unloading, while the left lane is for through traffic. Once you have loaded/unloaded, please pull into the left lane so that you can exit the campus efficiently via your preferred exit.
- g. **Be savvy.** Please know that if it will improve flow, IT IS ACCEPTABLE to pass by an entire zone by moving in the left (through traffic) lane and re-entering the right lane before the next zone. As you move in the right lane, be on the lookout for vehicles planning to re-enter the right lane for this purpose, especially in the areas at the end of zones and between zones.
- h. **Don't be TOO savvy.** Again, these zones are the ONLY places where students should be loading and unloading. Stopping by the side of the streets surrounding campus to unload is not safe. All vehicles should load/unload quickly and then move along. **Convenience is trumped by efficiency, but both are trumped by safety.**

Always follow the instructions of NPA staff on duty in the carline and parking areas, and show them courtesy and respect in the process. You may be instructed to stop to allow those parking on either side of the carline a chance to enter/exit their spots, or make some other adjustments to keep things moving along. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you for living up to your responsibility in keeping your children and all other NPA children safe.

