

Howard Traffic Flow for 2019

This traffic flow proposal takes effect on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019.** We will revisit the traffic patterns in two weeks in order to assess how the proposal is working. Our aspiration is that this modification to the traffic flow will make things easier on everyone so that abiding by the guidelines becomes a welcome choice instead of an enforced obligation.

The staff and students at Howard Elementary thank you in advance for your cooperation in following the traffic guidelines. We appreciate your dedication to the safety of the students, and your contribution to improving convenience for all through more efficient traffic flow around the school for our families. Mostly, we appreciate your demonstration of respect to school rules and school staff, you are setting a great example for the students and serving as role models to them by exhibiting commitment to our Core Value of the common good. By following these guidelines, you are confirming your fidelity to the best interest of the students at Howard Elementary and for that we give you our deepest gratitude.

A one way traffic flow will be implemented during arrival and dismissal through the following guidelines:

- All traffic should enter onto N. York Street Southbound from Lawrence or York north of Lawrence.
- Please heed all stop signs and maintain the speed limit.
- Take care to look in all directions to check for pedestrians and traffic prior to entering your vehicle into the crosswalk.
- Avoid entering from Edward as it will be Left turn only and you will pass the dismissal doors at the front of the school. Additionally, it will take you longer to get through due to crossing pedestrians and oncoming one way traffic.
- There will be no parking on York facing Northbound during arrival and dismissal times. This will create much needed space on the street and help to keep traffic flowing in one direction and keep cars moving.
- Parking has never been allowed on N. York facing south during arrival and dismissal as this is strictly a drop off and pick up zone. The signs that are posted will be enforced.
- The only parents who should be parking down the side streets (Oak, Edward, and N. York south of Oak or north of Lawrence) are those who are picking up Kindergarten students. This is for the safety of our youngest children. All other parents should remain in their vehicles. If your child is not outside when you pull up, please do a quick drive around the perimeter of the school. Your fellow parents will be grateful to you for not holding up traffic, and you will be grateful in a reciprocal situation.
- Respect our neighbors by keeping your parked vehicle clear of their driveways.
- Please do not park or drop off in the Bus lanes which are clearly marked with a yellow curb and signs. This is for the safety of students and to ensure that buses can pass through traffic

smoothly which also helps to avoid traffic backups as the buses try to get through. This is a very important issue and if you would like more information on the safety issues surrounding buses found in news stories regarding recent tragedies and the safety of child pedestrians around buses, please reach out to me and I will share them with you.

- If you live within two blocks of the school, we encourage walking or biking to school. We also encourage car pooling as it will help decrease the volume of vehicles using the streets surrounding the school.

