



Kiss & Ride Rules of Etiquette

To ensure safety, reduce waiting times and reduce traffic congestion on public streets, follow these simple rules.

Rule #1—Follow the direction of school staff. Please be courteous to school staff. They are there to help and ensure the safety of your students. Always follow their directions.

Rule #2—Follow all Kiss & Ride traffic signs and pavement markings. Some schools have adopted serpentine routes through the school property to maximize the number of cars that can be in the queue line without spilling over onto public streets. These schools will have a published traffic flow diagram available on their web page and arrows marked on the pavement. Familiarize yourself with these plans and follow the directions carefully. Stationary queue lines that are on public roads pose a safety concern and increase congestion and frustration for neighbors and commuters.

Rule #3—Keep the Kiss & Ride traffic line single file. It is not safe to pull out of line and pass other vehicles. This increases the chance of accidents.

Rule #4—Watch the line in front of you and pull all the way forward. Keep as close to the vehicle in front of you as is safe. Do not leave gaps and don't stop short. Keep moving until all the vehicles in front of you have completely filled the Kiss and Ride zone. Using the entire pick-up/drop zone means more students can load or unload at a time reducing waiting times and making things move smoothly. Some schools will have school Staff on hand to give you hand signals when it is safe to let your students exit the car.

Rule # 5 — Parents/Drivers should not get out of the car while in the Kiss & Ride line. If you need to get out of the car to assist your student, or your student needs extra time to unload, use a designated parking space for that purpose, not the Kiss & Ride line. Many schools have designated parking areas for this purpose. Ask your school administration if you are unsure.

Rule # 6 — Make sure your student(s) are ready to exit the car with all their belongings as soon as you come to a stop in the drop zone. This will reduce waiting times for others behind you.

Rule #7—Students should exit the vehicle on the passenger side next to the sidewalk. For safety reasons, students should not exit the vehicle on the drivers' side.

Rule #8—Plan your arrival to be at or just after the afternoon dismissal bell. Many parents arrive early in the afternoon and choose to wait in line. This can actually increase your wait time and frequently causes congestion on public streets. If you arrive at or right after the bell, when the pick-up or drop-off line is moving, your wait time will be minimized. Schools are very efficient at getting students to their cars and many have developed methods of quickly pairing students to their pick-up vehicles using numbered placards that parents can display in their windshield as they enter the school property.



