

HERE WE COME & THERE WE GO

a quick guide to FMS student arrival and dismissal

MORNING ARRIVAL

TIMING

Students may arrive between 8:15-8:25am. Students may not arrive on school grounds prior to 8:15am (9:15am on WED) as there is no one available to provide supervision and they are not be permitted to enter the building until 8:15am. There is onsite YCare for before and after care. Should you be in need of these services, please coordinate with the Bath YMCA. Students arriving after 8:25am (9:25am on WED) are considered tardy and need to be signed in by an adult.

DROP OFFS

Parents dropping students off may pull up past the building, loop to the right and drop their student off at the sidewalk that runs along the front of the building. Do not drop off students within the parking lot; rather wait until it is your turn at the sidewalk. This is for student safety, we do not want them walking near moving vehicles.

WALKING & BIKING

Students walking or biking to school from the south should walk to the yellow poles on the sidewalk on High St. and enter the school grounds from there. Students walking from the north may enter the school grounds at the top of the playground where the fence begins or down at the yellow poles. Students biking from the north must get off their bike at Richardson Street and walk them to the yellow poles or they may ride them through the playground. They may not ride down the hill on High Street.

COMING/GOING DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

It is our desire to have all of our students present every day all day long. That being said we also know that things happen in life that require you to bring your student to school after school starts, dismiss them before the day ends or have them leave for a period of time and then return. Here is some information specific to those situations.

COMING

All students arriving after 8:25am are considered tardy and must be signed in by an adult. An adult must also sign in students who have left during the school day and are returning. Please stop in the front office with your student to sign in.

GOING

All adults arriving at the school to dismiss a student must check in at the front office. Even if the nurse has contacted you to come pick up your student, you must first stop in at the front office to sign them out. If you send a note with your student, an email to the front office or call to let us know what time you will be arriving, we will do our best to have your student waiting for your arrival. If you need to dismiss your student a little early, we ask that you plan ahead as we are not able to accommodate early individual dismissals after 2:45pm.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

DISMISSAL PLANS

The safety of our students is very important to us and we want to be sure we are getting each and every student to the right place at the end of the school day. As you can imagine dismissing over 200 students each day is a complicated process that requires pre-planning and coordination. Did you know that we keep a database of our students' dismissal plans? We collect this information from the Transportation Form you completed last fall (or at enrollment this summer). The dismissal information is then shared with the homeroom teachers and our dismissal staff, to ensure that we are dismissing students properly. You can help by keeping us informed of dismissal changes, whether it is a long-term change or just a change of plans for that day. You can send a note with your student, call the front office or send an email to hspence@rsul.org. We do ask that if your student has a same day dismissal change, please be sure to get the information to the front office no later than 2:00pm. We begin our dismissal process at 2:55 when we dismiss our Bus Riders and Walkers who are riding buses or leaving the property on foot. At 3:10pm we dismiss our Pick Ups who are leaving the property in a vehicle.

WE HAVE both WALKERS & PICK UPS

"Walkers" are students who are leaving the property on foot. They are dismissed once our first set of busses has cleared. "Pick ups" are students who are leaving the property in a vehicle. They are released after all bus traffic has left-generally 3:10pm and are picked up curbside in the bus loop.

HALF DAY DISMISSAL

We begin our dismissal process at 11:55am on half days when we dismiss our Bus Riders and Walkers who are riding buses or leaving the property on foot. At 12:10pm we dismiss our Pick Ups who are leaving the property in a vehicle. Same day dismissal changes, on half days, need to be reported to the front office no later than 10:00am.

PICK UP DISMISSAL INSTRUCTIONS

Last year the Pick Up time was changed to 3:10pm for safety reasons. If you never experienced the previous Pick Up scenario - consider yourself lucky. The parking lot was jammed packed with people triple parking to get their spot in line to pick up their student. This whole process impeded emergency vehicle access to the side and back of the building and at times made it so the busses couldn't even enter the parking lot. Additionally, students had to be escorted by faculty in between potentially moving vehicles.

OUR SMOOTHER & SAFER SCENARIO GOES LIKE THIS:

The last bus leaves at or right after 3:10pm. You arrive at or right after 3:10pm-not before. Pull into the bus loop and retrieve your student curbside. Do not park your car.

WHY NOT PARK?

Parking within unmarked parking spots blocks emergency vehicle access and disrupts traffic flow (much like the old way). Parking in marked parking spots and walking up to meet a student, results in unsafe pedestrian traffic in the parking lot and disrupts the traffic flow.