

Country Trails Elementary School

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedures

Country Trails has an ever-growing population of students who walk or are driven by parents to and from school, which results in large amounts of traffic and congestion on school grounds. In order to create the safest possible environment for our students and their families, we have implemented drop-off and pick-up procedures. These procedures were the result of a collaboration between parents, Elgin Police Department, District 301's Director of Transportation, District 301's Safety Committee Chair, Crown Property Management, and teachers, and have proven to be effective at increasing both dismissal efficiency and student safety.

The school provides staff supervision outside both before and after school. Before school, we ask that parents pull through the front loop (now called the "Kiss 'N Go" lane) and continue as far as possible toward the end of the drive (by the kindergarten doors) to drop off their students. Students must exit the car on the passenger side so as to immediately be on the sidewalk. Parents may not park in the front drive. If a parent needs to enter the building, he or she will need to park in a legal parking space in the parking lot and walk to the building at the crosswalk. Just as a reminder, please do not drop off students before 8:45am.

At the afternoon dismissal time, parents will be asked to pull up in the front loop as in the morning. Please pull forward as far as possible. Three staff members will be out front to move traffic forward and monitor students. Parents should remain in their cars and students will be directed by supervisors to their awaiting cars. It is important that parents continue to move forward as far as possible in order to keep traffic flowing. Students will not be allowed to cross into the parking lot without a parent walking with them. Parents who choose to wait for their students in the front lobby may still do so, but we ask that you only cross the front drive at the crosswalk. Learning Tree and KinderCare buses will pick up their students at a side entrance in order to not block the flow of traffic in the front of the school.

A few other tips to remember:

- School zones are no cell phone zones. Please refrain from using phones while on school property. This is a state law.
- Do not park at the clubhouse next door. It is not safe for students or parents to cross the bus loop.
- Do not leave car unattended unless you are parked in a legal parking place.
- Do not park in a handicapped parking spot unless you have a handicapped sticker or placard.
- Please do not exceed a speed of 10mph while on school property.



Please remember that safety is not always convenient. Working together, we can maintain a safe, smooth, and pleasant drop-off and pick-up experience for all of our families. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. King at 847-717-8000.