

Drop Off and Pick Up Routine

Welcome to a new school year at DMCS. Here are some helpful tips for drop off and pick up. **Morning Drop Off:**

Preschool students are dropped off at the preschool building. Parents should enter the BA parking lot on 3rd Ave and park in the designated Preschool parking. (if this is full, you may park on both sides of 1st Street heading east.) After dropping your child, you can exit the parking lot on 1st Street and turn right (east). There is no exit heading west on 1st Street. Once you reach the corner of 1st Street and 2nd Ave, only a right turn is allowed to head South on 2nd Ave. (see map) Obeying this pattern helps traffic move smoothly.

Elementary (K-5) students who are attending the early morning childcare should be dropped off at the IC church basement between 7:00 and 7:40 AM.

All other elementary students should be dropped off between 7:40 and 8:00 AM using the drop off lane that goes through our playground (see map) and entering door 3 or by having students walk to door 2 (located on the south side of the elementary building).

Enter the drive-up lane at the end of the playground from 2nd Ave SW. Follow the lines on the blacktop through the playground and head west on 1st Street. Pull up to the drop off area and let your child exit the vehicle. **Do Not Park and get out of your car**. There will be adults helping students here. Once your child has exited the vehicle, continue on 1st Street to the corner. Turn right on 3rd Ave at the stop sign to keep traffic progressing smoothly. **Always pay attention to the patrols and the adult attendant at the corner!**

If you choose to park your car and have your child walk to the building, please cross only at the corners where there are patrols! **DO NOT cross in the middle of the street.** This is not safe.

Students will be meeting their classmates in the gym. At 7:50, the bell will ring and students will go to their classrooms. Door 3 is locked at this time. At 8:00 AM the last bell rings and school begins. Door 2 will be locked at that time. Any student who arrives after 8:00 AM is considered tardy and should enter through the front door.

Afternoon Pick up:

Preschool parents, please use the same procedure for pick-up that you do for drop-off.

Elementary parents (K-5) School dismisses at 3:00 PM. Parents are not allowed to come in the building to pick up their child at the end of the day.

If you are picking up your child by car, you can use the pick-up lane that goes through our playground (see map). Please have your name card displayed on your passenger side visor, so that we can have your student/s ready by door 3. The first few days, the line takes a while, but by the second week pick-up takes about 10 minutes.

If you want to park your car and walk up to meet your child, you may pick them up on the South side of our building at door number 2. If your child walks home, or meets an older sibling to get home, they will exit the building at door number 2 as well.

Bus riders will line up in the gym with teacher supervision and be escorted to the bus stop.

School aged childcare students will be escorted from the main building to the IC church basement. Please pick up at the door at the bottom of the church ramp when you arrive. Care is provided from 3:00-5:30 PM.

Please make sure that you communicate with your child's teacher so that they know what your child will do at the end of the day. Students not picked up by 3:10 will be escorted to School Aged Childcare in the church basement.