



## Pennock Elementary Traffic Safety Plan



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety of your child at Pennock is our top priority! We are asking for your help to make school arrival and dismissal time as safe and orderly as possible. Please review our safety plan and carefully observe the directional markers for entering and exiting the main parking area. We appreciate your cooperation so that we can ensure safety for all children and adults at Pennock Elementary. We will have traffic coordinators to assist with our safety plan in the morning.

1. When entering the school parking lot from Estrella street, all cars planning to unload children should pull all the way forward (curbside) or to the next available drop off space as it becomes available. An exit lane should remain open to the left to allow cars entering and/or exiting the parking lot.
2. Unattended vehicles are strictly prohibited in the drop off zone as it slows the traffic flow in the parking lot and on both Octillo and Estrella Street.
3. Parents, cars must be parked in the parking lot if you choose to escort children to the play area or in the building for any period of time.
4. Please have your child ready to exit the car before pulling into the drop off zone. Refrain from dressing, signing papers, cell phone use, backpack checks etc. to assist with traffic flow.
5. All students must exit the passenger side of the vehicle curbside only. Students should not exit the vehicle from the exit lane at any time.
6. When escorting your child to and from all parking areas, please use designated cross walks. **Do not cross Octillo Street between buses. When you do this, you model unsafe behavior for all the kids present. They do what they see others do.**
7. The bus lane on Octillo Street is reserved for buses only. Handicapped parking is available in both parking lots.
8. Please watch your speed on Estrella and Octillo as well as in the main and overflow parking lots. We have many walkers to keep safe as well.
9. Be respectful of neighbors by not double parking in front of driveways and/or crosswalks.
10. Please show courtesy and respect to traffic coordinators, as their purpose is to provide the safest environment during these busy times. If you would like a question answered or to voice a concern, please contact the office, as our traffic coordinators do not have time to speak with individual parents while monitoring the drop zone.
11. The traffic safety plan applies for afternoon pickup as well, with the drop off zone now becoming the pick up zone. Students enter cars at curbside. Exit lane remains unobstructed. Cars are not to be parked in the center aisle of the parking lot. Illegally parked vehicles may be asked to move or be ticketed.
12. **From 8-9 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. the parking lot exit is RIGHT TURN ONLY.**
13. We are the best models for our children. Take the necessary time and actions to be safe!
14. If you pick up your student from other Pheasant Ridge streets, please do not block residential driveways, litter, or use their personal property for waiting.