Memo: Stop & Wait, Drive & Drop & No Stopping Zones @ Hedges Middle School

We have recently had many parents express concern about the traffic out front, before and after school. We take student safety seriously, and with 400 students being dismissed daily, we will require ongoing parent/guardian support in making the necessary arrangements with your child, prior to the end of the school day, to meet in one of the Stop & Wait Zones designated in green on the map below. These are areas where you can stop and wait for your child.



We would request that the areas designated in red are respected as **Nostopping**. Stopping in these areas, even for a few seconds, can put our students at risk as it adds to congestion.

As you will note on the map, the <u>bus loop and</u> <u>staff parking lot are not to</u> <u>be used for student pick</u> <u>up or drop off</u>.

If you would like to use the **Drive & Drop Zone**, designated in blue, please

ensure that you are traveling west and your son/daughter are ready to exit the vehicle on the passenger side. This is not a place to stop to have a conversation or to get items organized before exiting the vehicle. If you need more time, please use the green Stop and Wait Zones on Knox Street or in the Walmart Parking Lot. The Drive & Drop Zone should only be used in the morning to drop students, not as a waiting area to pick up at the end of the day.

Your cooperation also makes it easier for our bus drivers in managing the traffic and getting our bus students home safely. On behalf of the school, and our students, thank you for your understanding and assistance in ensuring every child arrives to and departs from our school safely.

Yours respectfully,

Mr. A. Lister Vice-Principal Hedges Middle School