



AMADOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pick up and Drop Off Policies for Amador Elementary School

We have over 850 students at Amador who must arrive between 8:25 am and 8:35 am every school day. The best way to avoid a traffic nightmare is to plan ahead. Parents are often rushed for time. We want you to think about the following: There is no meeting or deadline that is worth jeopardizing the safety of our children.

Students can be dropped off between 8:10 and 8:25 am - grades 1-5. School traffic flows well at 8:10am and becomes extremely congested by 8:20 - 8:25am. **Plan to come earlier so that you are not part of the traffic mess. Better yet, walk to school.**

For those who must brave driving to school, Amador has drop-off zones on Positano Parkway between Valentano/ East Canterra and Santa Lucia Lane. Drop off zone means the driver does not get out of the car. Parking is not allowed in these zones at any time. Drivers who leave their vehicles within these zones severely mess up the smooth flow of traffic. When using the drop off lanes, please obey the students and parents who volunteer their time to ensure the safety of all the students at Amador. Pull as far forward as possible in the drop-off zones so the maximum number of cars can unload at the same time. Drivers, stay in your car! Owl Safety Patrol will help your child with doors and backpacks. Ensure all children are ready to exit the vehicle on their own. Instruct children to go directly through the gate once out of your vehicle. Do not wait to watch them get into the school. If you are concerned about your student entering the school please park in the appropriate spots and walk your child in. Drive only in a single-file line. Do not attempt to pass the car in front of you if you are done unloading. Do not cross lanes of traffic. Let your child out of the car in the drop-off zone on the passenger (school) side **only** so that they do not cross in front of your car or the car behind you. At pick up time, do not stop and wait for your child in the loading zone.

Parents who wish to walk their children to their building before class should arrive with ample time to do so. No exceptions will be made for families running late.

Parking

Only park in designated areas for parents as indicated in the map above. Do not park in the Staff parking areas. Staff parking means under no circumstance are these spots available for student families to park. There are already not enough parking spaces for staff. If there is an open staff space, it means that staff member has left but they will be back. **Only people that work at the school can park in Staff parking.** You may park on the area streets if the street permits. If there are no spots available please exit the parking lot and go around. Do not wait for families to exit the school and open a spot, this causes congestion and a backup. Any vehicles in a no parking zone can be ticketed for breaking the law at any time.

Starting on Monday, February 4, 2019 our front parking lot will be closed at dismissal time; from either 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm or 3:00 pm to 3:15 pm. It was deemed unsafe to allow cars to come into the parking lot to pick up students at a place where the visibility is so low.

Our Back Parking Lot and Front Parking lot are only to be used for parking for staff and after school childcare vans. Students should not be dropped off or picked up in these areas.



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The Parking lots are not to be used as a drop off area for students! We have Loading and Unloading zones for this.

The back parking lot by EDCC is off limits to parent traffic for drop off and pick up. **This parking lot is intended for EDCC & After School Rec. Parents, Staff and After School Company vans only.** We respectfully request that EDCC parents avoid this parking lot at school dismissal times. This will really help congestion at pick up time on a daily basis. Again, thank you for your assistance as we continue to strive to serve all of our students, parents and all the after school programs that our parents work with and maintain safety for all involved.

If there are cones in the parking lot, please do not remove them. They are placed for a reason.

Kindergarten Parents: Do NOT park at our unloading curb in front of the kindergarten fence to walk your child to the kindergarten classroom. Also please make sure to pull as far forward as you can before unloading. **Do NOT stop and unload in front of the kindergarten fence if you can pull forward.** Please park in a designated parking zone only. Do not wait for families/cars to exit the school and open a slot, this causes congestion and a backup. If there are no spots available, please exit the parking lot and go around. Please be aware our police department will ticket parents parked in the fire zones and unloading zones. Please park in a designated parking zone only.

If you are walking to school, cross the street at crosswalks only. Don't teach your child to break laws by crossing in the middle of the street. Please let the crossing guard do his job and obey his requests at all times. Our campus supervisor will stand at the curb and will watch students walk from the parking lot to the playground, between 8:30am-8:35am. If you are in the drop off lane, you must drop off your child and exit the parking lot. You may not sit and watch your child walk to the playground. This causes congestion in the lot and causes safety issues.

Please drive with consideration for others. The safety of Amador students depends on it!

A small recap:

- do not park where the curb is painted red
- do not cut in front of other cars
- do not block a driveway
- do not turn around in a driveway or the street
- do not double park
- do not drop off in any location other than the designated drop off/loading zones
- do not leave a car unattended in the loading and unloading area of the school
- Be courteous to drivers at all times; everyone is or may be trying to drop-off/pick-up their child at the same time.
- Be courteous to Safety Patrol, volunteers and staff. They are here to assist you with safely arriving and leaving the school site.

Our Dublin Police Department supports this policy. They are committed to patrolling our school neighborhood and ticketing those who do not following traffic and parking laws.