

Arrival and Dismissal Safety

One of our top priorities at school each day is to make sure we return your most precious possessions at the end of the day, unharmed. Our teachers vigilantly take ownership and responsibility for maintaining the safety of our Gators. Their superpower is Protection in that way!

Every family is provided with a car tag that is required to pick up your child at carline and walk-up, including at the Southfork gate. Without the car tag, we are not able to release supervision of the student. A temporary car tag will be provided in the office with your driver's license as proof of identity. Thank you for understanding in advance the importance of this process to ensure the safety of your students!

Arrival:

- Students may begin entering the school building at 7:00 am. Breakfast is provided or students may read in the gym. The gate at Southfork is unlocked at this time as well.
- There are two lanes in the front of the school open for students to be dropped off in the car line. Supervision is provided on both lanes for safety until 7:25 am. While this line can initially appear long, it moves very quickly and is the most efficient way to drop students off at Groves.
- Students may also be walked into the school. If you park, be sure this is in a defined parking spot. Only handicapped persons may park in the handicapped slots. All parents are trying to move quickly, and it is not safe to create a "drop-off lane" for students in the middle of the parking lot. Please hold your students hand as you walk through the parking lot.
- Parents must check in at the office if entering beyond the foyer of the building. Please be sure an appointment with
 your child's teacher has been previously scheduled as teachers are preparing for the day in the mornings and may
 not be available for unannounced meetings.

Dismissal

Our school day concludes at 2:40. Please arrange all afternoon appointments as late as possible as our teachers utilize all the time we have with your students and even the end of the day is important to their learning.

- Walkers are dismissed with supervision to the crosswalk in the front of the building, and to the Southfork gate
 entrance at the back of the building. Parents who meet their children in these areas are asked to show their car tag
 for pick up.
- Car riders and bike riders will be dismissed through the front doors of the building. All students joining parents out front or picking up in their cars must show their car tag for transfer of supervision.
- Several day care buses pick up students in the back loop of the school building. All students wait in the gym with teacher supervision.
- In case of inclement weather, students are dismissed inside. Parents who are picking up are asked to walk through the front doors with their car tag in hands and exit through the side doors to the front parking lot. Please be patient in the car line as this process is always slower for our students.