

# STEWART MIDDLE SCHOOL

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TRAFFIC PLAN



*Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.*

### LEGEND

1	Bus Zone - <i>no drop-off/pick-up</i>
2	Temporary parking
3	Pick-up and drop-off - <i>no parking</i>
P	No parking or waiting
	School crosswalk

### GUIDELINES:

- Please do not drop your child off before 7:45 a.m. There is no supervision for students before then.
- **Do not block or stop in any intersection, including the intersections of S 51<sup>st</sup> and S D St and S 50<sup>th</sup> and S D St.** Blocking these intersections, even for a minute, can make crossing dangerous for students and is against state law (RCW 46.61.570).
- **Drive 20 mph or less in the school zone,** stop for people crossing the street, and watch for students walking and biking.
- If you need to wait for more than 3 minutes or leave your vehicle, park where noted on the map in blue 2. Do not park and leave your car unattended in the drop-off and pick-up line or in the bus zone.

# ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL: TIPS for DRIVERS



## Drop-off & Pick-up

- Follow your school's arrival and dismissal plan and guidelines.
- Drive 20 mph or less in the school zone.
- Load and unload only in designated areas, not in the middle of the street.
- Help to keep air healthier around schools—do not idle your car while waiting.



## Parking

- Follow street parking signage, including time-limited regulations.
- Do not park in a crosswalk or within 20 feet of a crosswalk.
- Do not double park or block driveways. Give driveways 5 feet on each side.
- Do not park within 30 feet of a stop sign or within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.



## School Buses

- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the arm is extended, all traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space.
- Be alert. Children may be unpredictable when entering and exiting buses.



## Pedestrians

- Stop for people crossing the street. Remember—every intersection is a crosswalk whether it is marked or not.
- Always follow a crossing guard's instructions. Stop when they hold up a flag.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for people crossing the street.
- Yield to people walking when entering or exiting driveways.



## Bicyclists

- When passing a person riding a bike, proceed slowly and leave a minimum of 3 feet between your vehicle and the bicyclist.
- Check your side mirrors or do the "Dutch Reach" before opening your door.
- Watch for people biking coming from driveways or behind parked cars.

Walk, bike, or carpool to reduce traffic and pollution around schools, or park a few blocks away and walk the short distance to school.

**More tips available at: [cityoftacoma.org/SRTS](http://cityoftacoma.org/SRTS)**

