

Morning Drop-Off Safety Concerns

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Cherokee Elementary School
Lake Forest School District 67



Do you drive your child to school? If so, we need your help!

The car line in the morning at Cherokee School has been an ongoing challenge this year. Not only are many students arriving late to school and missing instructional time, there are serious concerns about safety in, and around, the parking lot. To ensure students arrive ON-TIME and SAFELY to school every day, please adhere to the following.

- Arrive at 7:50 or earlier. We cannot get cars thru the line if everyone arrives at 7:55 or 8:00.
- Drop-off students along the front sidewalk. Do not let students out of cars along Cherokee Road or Forest Hill. Most drivers are concerned about arriving on time, or the sun in their eyes, and having students crossing in-between cars or crossing at random areas along the road is a recipe for a serious accident. Odds are if you are letting your child out along the road, they must wait for cars, wait to cross the parking lot, and are usually late. If they are already late, please keep them in the car and move through the car line. Better yet, leave a few minutes earlier.
- Allow the assistants working along the front sidewalk to assist your child. To make this easier, stop eating and watching DVDs/games BEFORE you enter the parking lot. Have all backpacks and lunchboxes ready to get out of the car when the door is opened. There are times when students have extra items, such as projects, and we understand there are times when things are a bit slow.
- If possible, make an effort to turn right/east when you exit the parking lot. There is no need to add extra cars to the existing line and it will help reduce congestion in front of the school.

Remember, if you arrive behind one of the shuttle buses, you are likely late. The buses arrive at 8:00 or later and will stop at the front door for drop-off. They are rarely early!

All students arriving after 8:00 must check in the front office. Currently, they wait in a long line (at least 15-20 students/day) and must get a late slip and provide a lunch order before going to class.

We realize that there may be an occasional challenging morning, and every once in a while, late arrival will occur. Unfortunately, there are too many familiar faces every morning in the car line and office and we need your help to get students to school ON TIME and SAFE. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Thank you to everyone making an effort to improve the process!
Dr. Shinn, Mr. Bolin and the Cherokee Staff

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