

The parking lot at Thurston was not designed to handle the amount of traffic pushing through it each day during drop off (each period) let alone Friday's double whammy. This year, we have the Strike Team helping out to make things more efficient and far safer. We can do better if we work as a team.

If we all operate from the same playbook, drop off can be made far more safe and efficient requiring no more than a couple of minutes in line per car. To accomplish this, we need to lay out five ground rules.

1. **BE READY** - Have your student is ready to unload before getting to school. Parents – stay in your car, have backpacks handy (not in your trunk).
2. **WINDOWS DOWN** - Roll down your driver side window - look and listen to parking lot volunteers for guidance.
3. **NO PASSING** - Do not pass cars or buses before unloading unless instructed to do so by the parking lot volunteers. Stay in a **Single File** and be patient.
4. **NO EARLY UNLOADING** - Do not unload early – unload only when past the traffic cones near the Thurston Middle School announcement board.
5. **PULL FORWARD** - Pull forward as far as possible – all the way forward.

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go in, get it done, get out!

Dads, join now and help!  
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**Zero Period Drop Off** – This one is really simple. Single file, pull forward as far as you can, unload quickly and move on. Do not pass, stay off your cell phone and be safe. Park if you need more time.

**First Period and Friday Drop Off** – This becomes more complicated due to the addition of the school buses so you need to be more patient and cooperative. This begins with the same principle as Zero Period in terms of single file, pull forward as far as you can, unload quickly and move on. If you pull in behind a bus, leave a little room for you to get by the bus when it is time to leave.

If you are instructed to pass other cars by a parking lot volunteer, do not drive fast – please be safe. You will likely be directed to turn left into the middle of the parking lot for a secondary unloading location. Please pull as far forward as possible and stay on the right. All pedestrians should cross at the crosswalk. Park if you need more time.

**There are only 2 reasons for a traffic backup...**

**The first is too many cars and the other is a failure to observe the rules.**

