

Carpool and Dismissal Procedures



Palisades Elementary Charter School

The new Palisades Elementary Charter School traffic plan was developed with the primary goal of improving the safety of student pick-up and drop-off. Palisades Elementary is primarily a walking school and has very little bus traffic. This, however, increases car traffic. For the safety of all children and families, please respect all school zone and neighborhood speed limits. Be especially aware of the “walkers” and “bikers”.

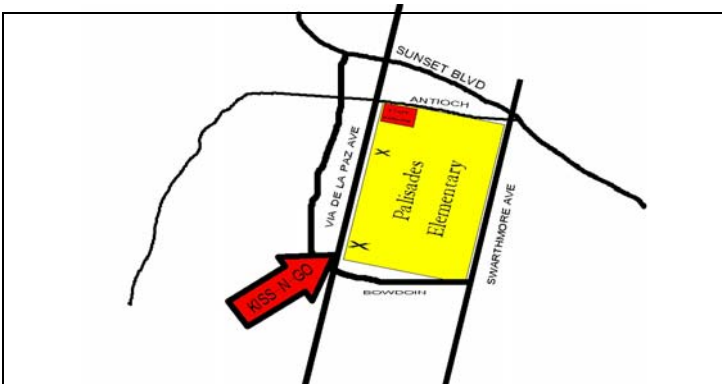
All parents are asked to consistently follow the school's carpool and dismissal procedures. Consistent procedures allow for orderly, efficient and safe entry and dismissal of all students. **Parents choosing to disregard these procedures will receive a letter from the school.**

- Parents should set a good example for students by using the crosswalk (crossing guards provided) at all times.
- When dropping off students please always pull to the curb and drop them off curbside.
- Confirm with your child how (“walker” or “driver”) and by whom they will be picked up.

Morning Drop Off

There is a crossing guard at Bowdoin and Via de la Paz.

Kiss-N-Go Zone. From 7:50 to 8:05 am at the front entrance. Please pull up to the main front entrance, kiss your children and scoot them out the door.



After School Pickup

Carpool Lane - Drivers:

Drivers Line for grades 1-5.

- ♥ The front side of PECS on Via de la Paz after school is dedicated to the “Drivers” line for the 20 minutes after school ends – **no parking, stopping or getting out of your car during that time.**
- ♥ The Drivers line starts at the gate between the auditorium and cafeteria on Via de la Paz and extends south, towards the bluffs.
- ♥ Each driver needs to display their Pickup Placard on their dashboard (extra copies available in front office).
- ♥ When the school bell rings, the children will walk to the gate that is between the auditorium and the cafeteria (waiting area). One teacher on the curb will radio ahead the names of the cars in line. Another teacher will call out the names on a bullhorn. Please load your child as quickly as possible. Normal pickup resumes 20 minutes after school ends. See [map](#).



Kindergarten: When school ends, the Kindergarten teachers will walk their children to the Pickup Area on the Kindergarten yard. (corner of Swarthmore & Bowdoin at gate at the top of stairs).

Others Picking Up Your Child: If someone else picks up your child, please go over the Traffic Plan with them and give them a Pickup card. There are plenty of extra Pickup cards in the front office.

Walkers:

When picking up a “walker” from school- Please wait near the main front entrance on Via de la Paz. Once you have reunited with your child it is your responsibility to make sure they are kept safe and free from harm. Please do not allow your child to:

1. Climb the trees nearby
2. Play on or near the curb
3. Block the entryway or steps as students and teachers are trying to depart

On-Street Parking

There is parking on the surrounding streets -- **Do not park, pickup or drop off in the Teachers' Parking Lot, not even for a couple of minutes.**

No Parking - Posted Passenger Loading only: 6:30am-9:00am and 1:30 - 4:00 pm

Carpool Lane - Read Posted Signs

Kiss-N-Drop Zone: M-F 7:50am-8:05am

Drivers: Mon /Wed/Fri: 2:55pm-3:20 pm
Tuesday's & Thursday's 1:45pm-2:00pm

STAR pick-up:

Please note that the carpool line is designated for carpool only. If your child is enrolled in the after school STAR program, you need to abide by the carpool procedures and do not park on Via de la Paz during carpool hours.

Two-Hour Parking - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please be extremely courteous and considerate to our resident neighbors. Do not block their driveways. Avoid turning around in driveways. Do not honk horns, discard trash or walk on lawns. Hold the noise down.

Staff Parking: Each staff member is assigned to a numbered parking space. Please do not park in the staff parking lot at any time.



Safety Tips

WALKING TO SCHOOL:

- Parents: Choose the best route to school and walk it with your children.
- Obey all traffic signals, signs, and street markings (crosswalks).
- Look in all directions (left right, left, forward and behind you) before crossing.
- Cross the street at a corner or crosswalk only. Do not cross mid-block.
- Stay alert at all times — especially in bad weather.

RIDING A BIKE TO SCHOOL:

- A bike helmet must be worn at all times when bicycling. It's school policy and California State Law.
- With your parents, choose the best cycling route.
- Obey all traffic signals; ride on the right - with the flow of traffic.
- Children under the age of ten should always ride on the sidewalk in residential areas.
- Do not ride your bike on the sidewalk in business districts. It's against the law.
- When cycling on the sidewalk, cross the street by walking your bike.

RIDING A BUS TO SCHOOL:

- Follow the bus driver's instructions when crossing the street.
- Stay in your seat at all times and keep the aisle clear.
- Keep head, arms, and hands inside the bus.

RIDING IN A CAR TO SCHOOL:

- Every person must wear a seat belt and remain belted until exiting the vehicle. It's the law.
- Children (under 60 pounds or under 6 years of age) must be in a child restraint seat when riding in a vehicle. It's the law.
- Children under the age of 12, and children in child restraint seats should sit in the back seat when traveling in a vehicle.
- Riding in the back of a pick-up truck is against the law.
- Children must cross only at the crosswalk — not mid-block.
- Make sure children enter and exit the vehicle on the passenger side — nearest to the sidewalk.

For more information on bicycle safety seminars, traffic safety rodeos and parent training programs, contact [Safe Moves](#) at (818) 908-5341 and the LAUSD Bike LA Safety training at (213) 742-8218