

Transportation Reminders

District 87
Schools

The Child Passenger Protection Act requires that all children under age 8 be properly secured in an appropriate child safety restraint system.

Cell Phones

Illinois law prohibits the use of hand-held cellphones, texting or using other electronic communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. Hands-free devices or Bluetooth technology is allowed for persons age 19 and over.

Using a cellphone while holding the device and utilizing the speaker phone is not considered hands free and is a violation of Illinois Law.

Please refrain from all cell phone use in school drives and lots.

Ages 4-8

- Children should be secured in a forward-facing safety seat with an internal harness system until they reach the upper height or weight limit allowed by the car seat manufacturer. When a child outgrows the forward-facing seat, he or she may transition to a belt-positioning booster seat.
- Booster seats must be used with the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt, never just a lap belt.
- The lap belt should lie low across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should rest snugly across the shoulder and chest, not across the neck or face.
- The top of the child's ears should not be above the top of the back of a booster seat with a back.
- If using a backless booster seat, the vehicle's head restraint must be positioned properly.
- Secure the booster seat with the vehicle's seat belt when not in use.

Ages 8-12

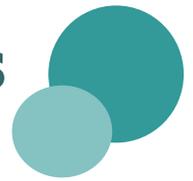
- Children should stay in a belt-positioning booster seat until they are tall enough to properly fit in an adult lap/shoulder belt.
- The vehicle lap belt must lie low across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should rest snugly across the shoulder and chest, not across the neck or face.
- The child's back and hips should be against the back of the vehicle seat, without slouching.
- Knees should bend easily over the front edge of the vehicle seat with the feet flat on the floor.

Child Passenger Safety Tips

- Keep children in rear-facing safety seats as long as possible.
- **Keep children in the back seat at least through age 12.**
- Never place a rear-facing safety seat in front of an active airbag.
- A used safety seat may not be safe unless you know the history of the seat and all labels, parts and instructions are present.
- Always register your safety seat with the manufacturer so you can be notified of recalls.
- Do not use a safety seat that is more than six years old or past the expiration date stamped on the seat.
- Non-regulated products such as toys attached to the safety seat, mirrors, window shades and belt tightening tools are not recommended unless the safety seat manufacturer allows their use.
- All objects in the vehicle should be stowed in the trunk or tied down, as they can become projectiles if a crash or sudden stop occurs.

For more information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/childsafety.html.

Oakland Side Circle Guidelines



Before school drop off and after school pick up of students can be a hectic time. We believe strongly that students will be safe and dismissed efficiently if adults and students are respectful of the following side circle (enter through the parking lot) guidelines:

- There is no parking in the side circle drop off area during arrival and dismissal times. In addition in the morning, parents should not block the circle waiting for the 8:45 morning bell. Students who eat breakfast may be dropped off beginning at 8:30 am.
- Students must sit on the designated line quietly until their driver nears the pick up area. On cold or wet days, the students will stand. Students are expected to watch for their ride and listen for their name to be called by a teacher for loading.
- Cars must clearly display a name card for the student(s) they are picking up. This card is best seen by the teachers when displayed from the rearview mirror with a clip hanger or attached to the back of the passenger sun visor. Name cards are available upon request. Contact the office.
- Teachers will call for the student(s) and send them to one of the colored cones.
- Students are not allowed to approach the loading area until they are called.
- Patrols are, first and foremost, fifth grade students who are assisting teachers in their before and after school duty. Their main job is to walk children safely to a designated pick-up spot. Patrols *may* help open car doors, but it is not required.
- Students must wait until the car has stopped in the loading area before approaching the door.
- Students must load on the curbside.
- Parents should only leave their vehicle if they need to secure a child in a safety seat.
- Parking and leaving your vehicle is not permitted in the side circle. If you must come into the building, please park in a visitor space or use street parking.
- The handicapped parking space is for disabled people who need to enter the building or for loading a child who is disabled. It is not a waiting area for dismissal time.
- When exiting the parking lot and drop off or pick up, **no** left turns are permitted.
- On rainy days or days when the wind chill is below 20 degrees, side circle students will be dismissed from inside the building. Students who typically meet parents on the patio just outside the south cafeteria door will also be sent to this inside dismissal room. Parents may walk up to the exterior door for pick up.
- The speed limit for the parking lot and front circle drive is 7 miles per hour.
- Using a cellular phone in school zones is illegal in the state of Illinois.