

## Driveline Lessons from the First Few Weeks

Thank you for your patience during our first few weeks of Driveline! It is the most challenging point of the year. Please take a moment to review the following additional information as we strive to improve our Driveline experience for everyone.

### General information:

- a. Review our Douglas County approved [Traffic Management Plan](#)- we have promised to not impact our neighbors' property nor stack cars on Ridgeline Blvd. Help us be courteous neighbors. **Never enter neighboring private property even to turn around. Do not park in neighboring private lots to wait, or walk your child to school, or you may risk being towed by private lot owners.**
- b. There is no excuse for Driveline rudeness to our educational assistants and parent volunteers - the penalty is required Driveline duty so you can truly understand the stress of moving so many cars efficiently twice each day. Rudeness can totally upset the recipient's day and is so undeserved. Let's agree to be civil. 99.9% of our STEM families model exemplary Driveline protocol.
- c. Drop off and pick up per your designated time or colored placard only. Showing up at just the right time can totally change your experience.
- d. Be ready to quickly exit by approaching the drop with backpacks and gear in hand. Exit on the safe side and not the traffic side of the car.

### Morning drop off:

#### Middle School & High School -

- a) The parking lot in front of the High School is only to be used for drop off of Middle and High School students who are taking first period TSA at 7:10 a.m.
- b) After 7:10 a.m., the lot in front of the High School is closed and is not an option for drop off; and the lot is not available for pick up in the afternoon.
- c) Drop off for students with 8:00 a.m. start does not begin until 7:30 a.m.
- d) Please use the Middle School Driveline for Middle School or High School student drop off for students with an 8:00 a.m. start.

#### Elementary -

- a. Classes begin at 7:40 a.m. Any students that arrive after 7:40 a.m. need to be signed in at the Elementary Office by a parent/guardian.

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**Afternoon Driveline: Please try to arrive at the right time!**

**K-1-** released first at 2:20 p.m. K-1 students are released to the pre-approved person in Driveline. Students remaining in aftercare are escorted to BASE directly from their classroom.

**2-5** -released next at 2:30 p.m. and cleared by 2:45 p.m. Pick up is by grade level with signs. Siblings wait together at the youngest student's grade level area for pick up. Elementary students waiting for Middle School and High School siblings are supervised inside the Elementary building until 2:50 p.m. when their older siblings pass through the building to pick them up. All Elementary students are picked up in the Elementary Driveline and should not be taken to other parts of the building, even by siblings.

**6-12-** released at 2:50 p.m. Middle and High School students should quickly leave the building and go to the appropriate Driveline for pickup.

**Alternatives:**

1. K-5 before and after care (BASE) offered from 6:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily. \*Before school care is being offered on a trial basis through the end of September; a decision about the rest of the year will be made by the end of August.
2. Middle and High School students can utilize office hours or after school enrichment care in the Middle School Cafeteria.
3. Enrichment classes and sports offer many options for a later pick up. Elementary students are picked up from enrichment activities in the Elementary lobby.
4. Hundreds of students and many staff members walk and bike to and from school- a great option if you live close to the school. Elementary students walking or biking off campus need to have a permission slip for release.
5. Virtual Fridays for students with strong GPA and teacher recommendation - a great option for athletic team members and for families who commute over 10 miles each way daily.

Sincerely,

STEM School Leadership Team