

# Fry Elementary Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

Updated December, 2012

## History

In 2009, Fry Elementary and the HOAs from Tall Grass and Penncross Knolls worked collaboratively with the City of Naperville to develop a traffic management plan that met school and community safety needs. This effort resulted in the creation of the Arrival/Dismissal process that is in place today.

During the fall of 2012, in response to concerns expressed by some Fry parents, the school revisited the topic with the City of Naperville and requested a new traffic study be performed. That traffic study occurred in October and November, 2012, and focused on days where the weather was rainy, which leads to the highest level of vehicle traffic at the school during arrival and dismissal.

The City of Naperville determined in late-November, 2012 that the current traffic management plan, street signage, and school procedures are appropriate to meet the needs of the school and community.

## Foundational Principles

The location of the school within the neighborhood allows for Fry to be a school that students walk to school each day. Pick up and drop off by vehicle is an option, but is not necessary. This is ultimately a decision that parents need to make based on their schedules and wishes for their children. As a school, our primary concern during arrival and dismissal is that students enter the school environment safely – and that the exit and entry from cars is monitored and we can ensure that once students leave the supervision of their families they are safely protected within the school walls. We do not have the ability to control adult behavior off school grounds, and cannot police the local streets to enforce traffic requirements and promote consideration for others and patience. It is our hope that these things occur naturally.

## Procedures

**Students are permitted to enter the school building** at 8:50 am each day except Wednesday. On Wednesdays the entry time is 9:00 am. Exceptions may occur if students are participating in a school-sponsored activity or the YMCA program before school.

The **dismissal process for students** in the car line begins at 3:30 pm. Walkers are dismissed at 3:35 pm.

**Students who walk or ride bikes/scooters** to school should always remain on sidewalks, and once a student is on school grounds we ask that students with bikes or scooters walk to the bike racks and lock the bike or scooter to the rack.

**The car line** is located to the north of the school building and is accessed from Grassmere Rd. – only from the west. Refer to the “Travel Route to Drop-Off / Pick-Up Lane” map that accompanies this

description for visual representation of traffic flow. Vehicles should wait beginning in the car line and continuing onto Grassmere Rd. to the west and onto Tall Grass Dr. to the south. In the interest of fairness we request that all cars assume a position at the end of the line when they arrive at the school. This would mean that a vehicle approaching from the north or west would proceed south on Tall Grass and safely enter the line where it ends and is moving to the north. To restate this expectation – regardless of where a family is approaching from – all cars should enter the line from the end of the line. Make sure that you assume a spot in the line in a timely fashion to prevent lateness or frustration. Refer to the map if necessary.

**Once a vehicle enters the drop-off / pick up lanes** it should always stay to the right and wait to pull forward until directed or clearly apparent. Vehicles should pull as far forward into the unloading zone as possible to allow multiple cars to load or unload and the line to move more quickly. We ask that children exit vehicles in the morning from any point where there is a sidewalk in the car line area – and as soon as your car comes to a stop while in the car line area. This will expedite the drop-off process. While we know parents may want to wait until their child is near the door to unload, we expect that our supervision along with appropriately-dressed students exiting alongside sidewalk areas while stopped will greatly improve traffic flow in the line.

The left-hand lane of the drop-off / pick-up loop should not be used for any drop-off / pick-up and should only be used to exit the car line carefully if other cars are delayed for a lengthy time in front of you. If all cars are dropping students off when stopped there should be very few lengthy delays. The staff parking lot should also not be used as a means to avoid waiting in line.

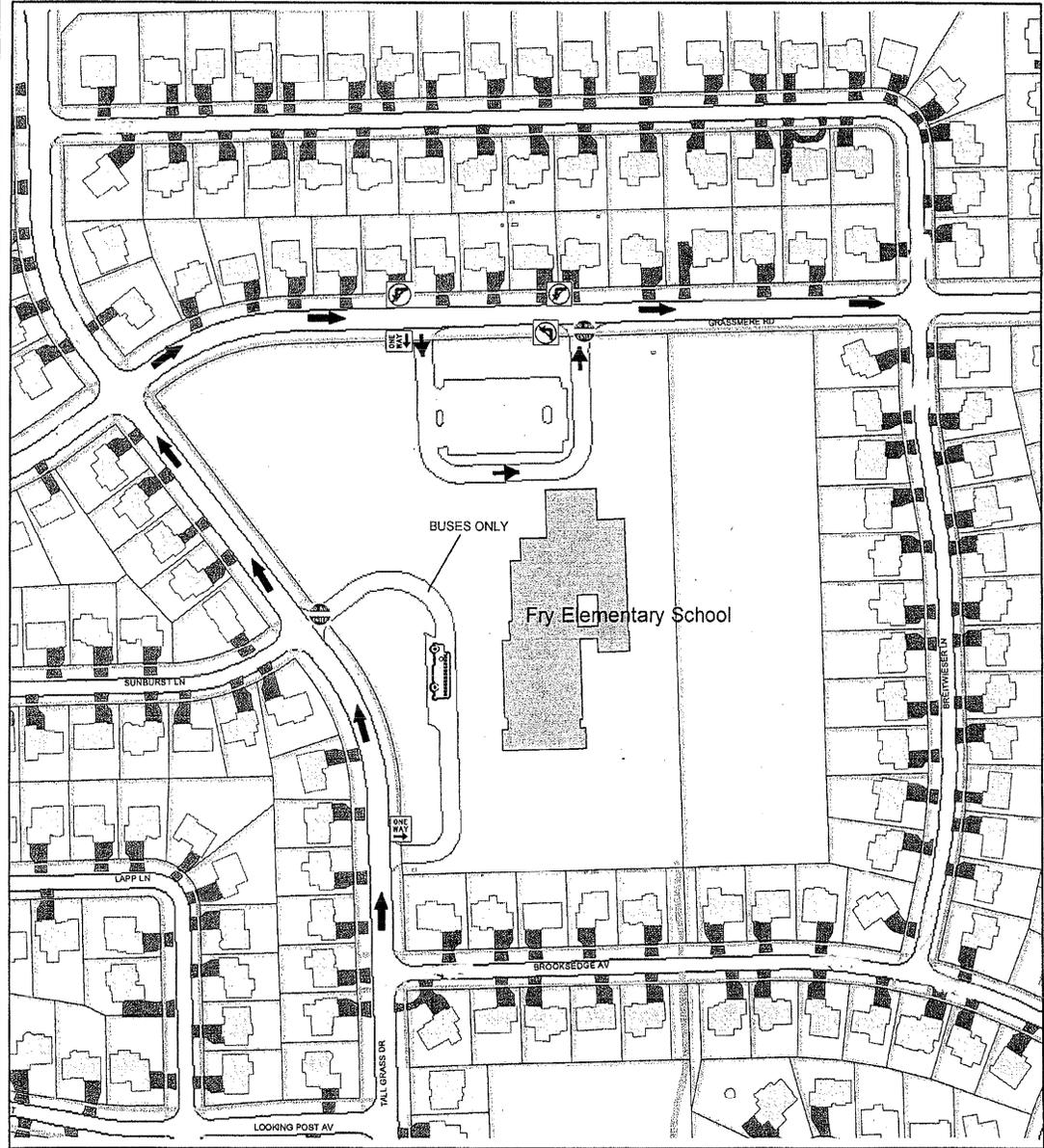
The use of a cell phone for texting or calling purposes while in a moving vehicle on school property is a violation of state law. Please do not endanger our students. Use hands-free options only, and understand that our staff has every right to respectfully ask you to follow the law if you are disregarding it.

**All families have been issued a family number** to be used in the car line. This number is used to safely identify which children belong with which vehicle. If you are using the car line please display the number in the vehicle's right side dashboard area so that it can clearly be seen by staff. Failure to do so delays the pick-up process and frustrates fellow parents. Make sure your child knows your number and pays attention at all times.

**When exiting the car line** vehicles should follow signage and only turn to the east (right).

**The front driveway and parking area** should not be accessed by families during arrival and dismissal. This area is reserved for daycare buses, unique medical circumstances, and other unique situations that have been approved by the principal.

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