

**Lowell
 Elementary
 School
 Traffic Safety
 Brochure**

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**401 Maple Avenue
 Madison, WI**

	Do not enter the school driveways between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm unless you have requested and received permission from the school office.
	Do not drop-off, pick-up, or park in the intersections, or on or next to the crosswalks, or blocking the school driveways.
	You can drop-off or pick-up your child in these areas, signed No Parking, as long as you stay in your car.
	These areas are unrestricted. You can drop-off, pick-up or park and go into the school in these areas.
	Walkers and bikers should only cross Atwood Avenue at Fair Oaks with the Adult School Crossing Guard.
	When driving, remember that you have to yield to pedestrians at all crosswalks, whether marked or not, and not just for the Adult Crossing Guard and the Student Patrols.
	Our yellow school buses, cabs and other special transportation vehicles drop-off and pick-up students in this area. Please leave this area clear for the buses and others to get in and out.
	Adult Crossing Guard, Student Patrols
	Preferred traffic flow for dropping-off or picking-up students.



If You Drive To School...

We recommend that you park and/or drop off your children in the following areas:

- **Ludington Avenue:** You may drop your child off in the *No Parking* areas on the school-side of the street, but you cannot leave your vehicle. **The staff parking lot, on Ludington Ave., is a busy place. To ensure student safety, do NOT drop off students in this lot and do NOT allow your child to cut through this lot to get to the entrance doors.**
- **Center Avenue:** You may drop your child off in the *No Parking* areas on the school-side of the street, but you cannot leave your vehicle.
- **Elmside Blvd:** You may drop off/pick up your child and you MAY park your car on Elmside Blvd. Please note the signage for restrictions on trash pickup days.
- **Maple Ave:** You may drop off your child in the *No Parking* areas, but you cannot leave your vehicle. **Do not stop your vehicle on Maple Ave. during bus loading/unloading times—Daily 7:20-7:40 a.m., Mondays 12:50-1:20 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday 2:20-2:50 p.m.**



SPEEDERS HOTLINE (266-4624) CAN BE USED TO REPORT UNSAFE DRIVING. The Madison Police Department will ticket any parent/caregiver who breaks these laws while dropping off/picking up children.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH A SAFE FLOW OF TRAFFIC AROUND LOWELL SCHOOL...

The safest traffic pattern includes entrance to the Lowell neighborhood via Ludington Ave. or Elmside Blvd. if you are coming from Atwood. Please avoid turning south onto Maple Ave from Atwood.

The parked cars on the residential side of Maple Ave. prevent the use of the west side of the street. PLEASE DO NOT STOP ON THE WEST SIDE OF MAPLE AND DROP OFF/PICK UP CHILDREN WHILE DOUBLE-PARKED OR WHILE YOUR CAR IS RUNNING. THIS IS A SERIOUS SAFETY CONCERN AND WE DO NOT WANT CHILDREN CROSSING THROUGH ON-COMING TRAFFIC.

Here are some things you can do to keep our children safe...

- “No Stopping, Standing or Parking means that student drop off/pick up is **NOT** allowed.
- “No Parking” areas **DO** allow for drop off or pick up, **but you cannot leave your car unattended!**
- Observe the speed limit. Slow down to 20 mph when children are present.
- Motorists must yield the right of way to pedestrians crossing a street.
- Pedestrians **DO NOT** have the right of way when crossing mid-block. Please use designated crosswalks.
- Follow the directions of the Adult Crossing Guard.

It is illegal to leave your car unattended in a fire lane. It is also illegal to park within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.

If you Walk to School...

Always use the crosswalks and crossing guards to cross streets—don’t cross mid-block. An adult crossing guard is located at the corner of Atwood and Maple Ave. **Student crossing guards are located at the corner of Maple/Center and Ludington/Center.**

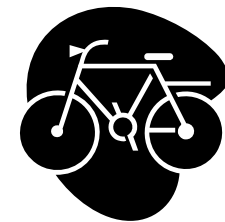
If you Bike or Scoot to School...

Helmets are strongly encouraged when riding a bicycle to school. MMSD requires bikers to have a helmet on school grounds.

Board of Education Policy states that a student age 10 or older may ride a bicycle to school. The principal may make exception upon written request by a parent. The school guidelines ask that an adult accompany young bikers (under age 10) to school.

It is important that you walk your bike or scooter when you arrive at the school crosswalks and on sidewalks around the school. Please remain on the sidewalk and off the grass. Riding bicycles or scooters on the playground is not permitted.

It is important to lock your bike or scooter in the bike rack during the school day.



These guidelines were created by Lowell School Staff and Parents, City of Madison Police and the City of Madison Traffic Engineering Department.