

If You Walk to School . . .

Always use the crosswalks to cross streets – don't cross mid-block. A crossing guard is located on the corner of **Red Tail and Redan Drive**. Student safety patrols are located on school grounds to help students cross safely.



If You Bike 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 when you get to the front of the school near the entrance. Please remain on the sidewalk and off the grass. Riding bicycles on the playground is not permitted.



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

If You Drive to School . . .

We recommend that you park and/or drop off your children in the Front Traffic Loop or the school side of **Ancient Oak Lane**.

FRONT PARKING LOT: Drop your child off in the traffic loop using the side closest to the school. **Do not park/leave your vehicle unattended in the traffic loop of the front parking lot.**

To prevent students from crossing in lot during the busiest times, **the parking spaces cannot be used from 8:00-9:00, and 1:00-2:00 (M), 3:00-4:00 (T-F).**

ANCIENT OAK LANE: Drop your child off on the same side of the school if possible, which allows for stopping, but you cannot leave your car unattended on either side of this street. If you choose to drop off across the street, **please park your car and walk with your child to cross with one of the crossing guards.**

Please note: The entrance doors on Ancient Oak Lane will not be open until 8:25, or after the bell rings. If dropping off before this time, students will use the sidewalk to get to the front entrance of the building.

REDAN DRIVE: The school side of this street is a No Stopping, Standing, Parking Zone during school hours. To prevent students from crossing mid-block, **please do not use either side of the street on Redan Drive as a drop off area.**

The teacher's parking lot (rear lot behind school) is for **staff only**. This is not a drop off / pick up or turn around area.

Drivers can make a right turn only when leaving the front parking lot.



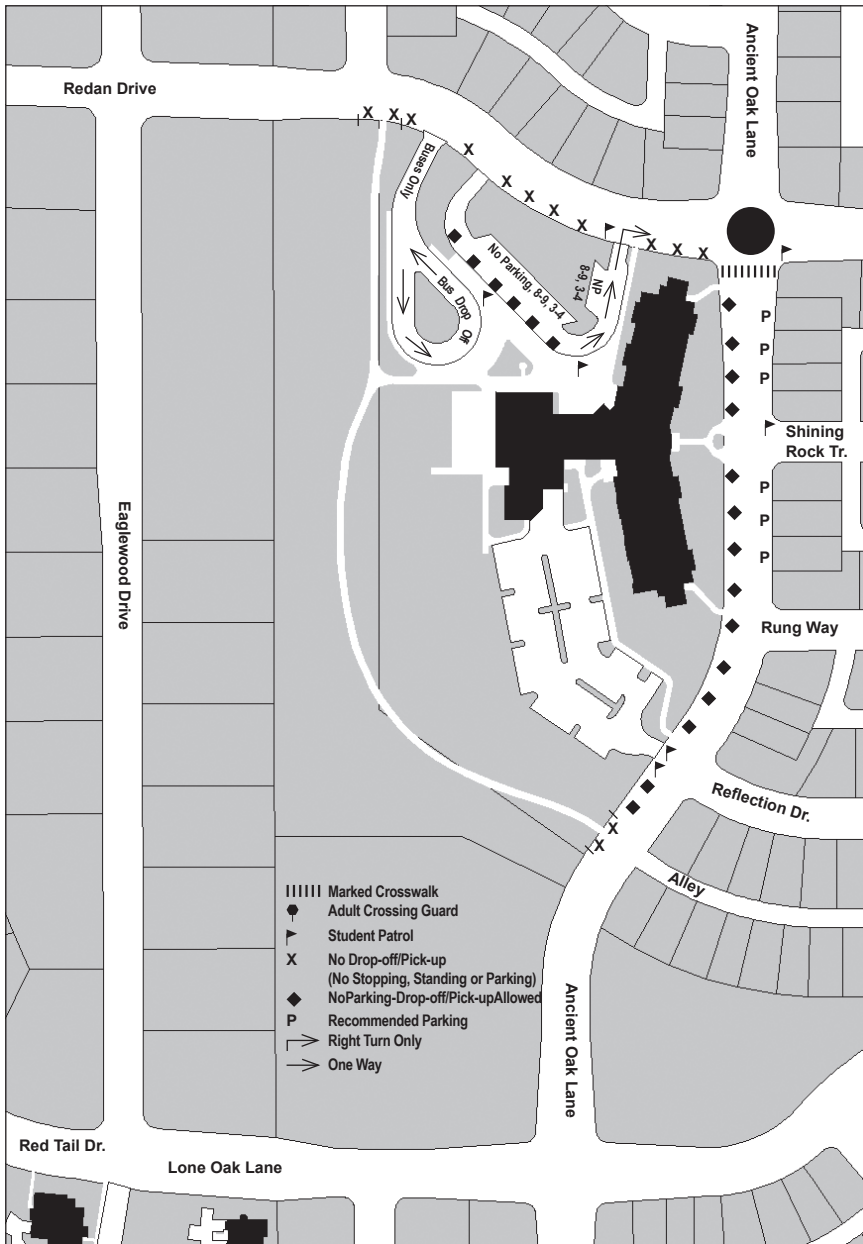
This will help ease the congestion in the parking lot by allowing cars to exit in a timely manner.

Parking is NEVER allowed in the bus lane during school hours.

Observe all street signs and traffic, parking and pedestrian laws:

The Madison Police Dept. will ticket any parent/caregiver who breaks these laws while dropping off/picking up their child.

- “No Parking” areas do allow for drop off or pick up, **BUT you cannot leave your car unattended!**
- “No Stopping, Standing or Parking” means just that – **student drop off/pick up is NOT allowed.**
- **It is illegal to leave your car unattended in a fire lane. It is also illegal to park within 10 ft. of a fire hydrant.**
- It is illegal to park within
 - 4 feet of a driveway
 - 20 feet of a crosswalk
 - 30 feet of a stop sign
- Motorists must yield the right of way to pedestrians crossing a street at any marked or unmarked crosswalk where there is no traffic signal. **Pedestrians do not have the right of way when crossing mid-block. Please use designated crosswalks.**
- It is illegal to double park to drop off/pick up your child, even if you remain in the car. This disrupts traffic and is not safe.



Olson Elementary Traffic Safety Committee

We encourage families to walk or bike to school. We have created a safety plan so all students arrive at school and are picked up from school in a SAFE way.

The plan will reduce congestion in the parking lot, in front of the school (on Redan Dr.) and on the back of the school (Ancient Oak La.) at both arrival and dismissal times and will keep our crosswalks visible for the safety of our children.

If you drive, walk or bike your child to or from school, please read the guide and determine a plan for getting your child to school safely and ensuring the safety of all Olson students on their way to and from school.

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