



If You Drive to School:

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

On Maple Grove: Drop your child or pick them up in the “No Parking” areas (shown as cars with open passenger doors in the map). Pull forward as far as you can so that other drivers can use the area behind you. Do not leave your car unattended in No Parking areas. If you drop off on the northbound side of the street, have your child cross with the crossing guard.

U-turns are illegal on Maple Grove Rd.

Pinelake Dr, Keswick Ct, Manchester Rd: Park (except in designated No Parking areas) and walk with your child to school. Do not block private driveways.

Front Parking Lot

If you do not need to get out of your car: Use the drop-off area in front of the bike racks (shown as cars with open passenger doors in the map). Wait to drop off or pick up until you have passed the crosswalk in the parking lot. Pull all the way forward until the end of the drop-off and pick-up area, even if you see your child waiting for you.

If you need to get out of your car: park in designated parking slots only.

Please travel in one direction only through the school parking lot in order to maintain a continuous flow of traffic. Do not drive through the parking stalls.

When leaving the parking lot during the morning and afternoon rush, turn right out of the driveway. This will ease congestion in the lot.

Restricted areas:

The teacher’s parking lot is for staff only during school hours. It is not a drop off, pick up, or turn-around area.

Parking is NEVER allowed in the bus lane, in the driveway or on the grass.

If You Bike to School:

MMSD policy regarding biking to school:

A pupil who brings a bicycle to school does so at his/her own risk and bears the loss of any theft of or vandalism to the bicycle. Bicycle riders who do not observe the following rules may lose biking privileges at school:

1. Students must park their bicycles within the area designated by the school Principal.
2. All bike riders must wear helmets and lock their bikes.
3. Loitering in the area bicycles are parked or tampering with bicycles is prohibited.
4. The Principal may make additional rules regarding bicycle safety on school grounds.
5. Students must be in at least 4th grade to ride their bicycle to school without being accompanied by an adult. The Principal may approve individual written requests by a parent/guardian of a younger student.

Additional Chávez guidelines:

1. Walk your bike when you get to the front of the school near the entrance.
2. Remain on the sidewalk and off the grass.
3. Do not ride bikes on the playground.

If You Walk to School:

Always use the crosswalks and crossing guards to cross streets—don't cross mid-block. Cross Maple Grove Road with the crossing guard. Student safety patrols are located on school grounds to help students cross through the bus/van lane.

Observe All Street Signs and Obey all Traffic 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 illegal to park within:
 - 4 feet of a driveway
 - 10 ft. of a fire hydrant.
 - □15 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. This holds true for both street and parking lot traffic.
- The speed limit drops to 20 mph whenever you approach and drive through a school area.

Speeders Hotline (266-4624) can be used to report unsafe driving.

César Chávez Elementary Traffic Safety Brochure

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