

# Driving and Walking Safely at Brushy Creek

## **Welcome to Brushy Creek**

How does your child get to school in the morning? How does your child return home again after the last bell has rung?

In a large school like Brushy Creek the safety of our students is the most important factor we consider in determining the rules for morning and afternoon routines. After much consideration and in conjunction with the Williamson County Unified Road System, the Williamson County Sheriff's Office and RRISD's Safety & Risk Management Department our current system was set in place. Here are the rules for parents and students to follow when driving or walking in and around Brushy Creek's campus.

## **Day Care and School Bus Traffic**

All buses use the front driveway of our school to load and unload children. Do NOT enter this driveway from 7:10-7:50 am & 2:40-3:05 pm, or when buses are present.

## **Crossing Guards**

Because the car rider line is long some parents choose to park their cars and walk to the school. Our crossing guards are the street authorities in the morning and afternoon. Texas State Law states that you must always use the designated crosswalk and where a crossing guard is present adults and children must follow the crossing guard's commands. As an adult, DO NOT CROSS the street at any other location than the crosswalk. You are endangering your life and the lives of children who see this behavior.

## **Walking on the School Property**

Children and adults must use the sidewalks and never walk in our parking lots unless you are proceeding to a vehicle parked in that lot. This is especially important in our back parking lot where moving cars can be present at any time.

## **Parking Off Property**

The church that is across Stonebridge from the school houses a Mother's Day Out program which has all rights to the parking lot at that location. They graciously allow us to use this lot before 8:30 am and after 1:30 pm ONLY. Do not use this parking lot at any other time.

## **Front Walkers**

Front walkers enter through the main front door in the morning and exit through the door nearest the computer lab after school.

## **Back Walkers**

Back walkers enter through the door of the covered area in the morning. After school they assemble on the black top located between the portables to meet their parents, or to walk home with friends.

## **Car Riders**

Car riders are dropped off and picked up in the large parking lot at the back of our school.

Make sure your child's name is posted clearly on the window.

Please pull forward as far as you can in the driveway to accommodate as many families' cars as possible. Safety patrol students and faculty members are on hand to maintain order and a speedy delivery/pick up.

Left turns are not allowed either into or out of the car rider area. Traffic cones are present to direct drivers through the proper turning protocol. The use of traffic cones has speeded the car rider line significantly, please obey them. Please see the attached map for a graphic description of this procedure.

## **Rainy Weather Plans**

When rain falls in Central Texas it falls hard, and often right at 7:45 am and 2:45 pm.

Please pay close attention to weather forecast on potentially rainy days. You may wish to send your child to school with extra socks and shoes, and an extra pair of pants if it is raining very hard. An umbrella is a necessity for children whose classes are in portables.

Have a plan. At the beginning of the school year establish a family get-home-from-school plan for those rainy days. Your children may normally walk home from school. With a plan they will know that on rainy days you will always pick them up in the car rider line, or they should walk as usual.

## **Rainy Day Dismissal**

On rainy days car riders will wait in the covered area as usual. Bus and day car riders will board their buses in the front of the school as usual. During heavy rainfall back and front walkers and bike riders will wait for their parents to pick them up. At 3:00 all remaining walkers and bike riders will be dismissed to go home.

## **Always Obey Traffic Signs**

Police officers often are seen using their radar and ticketing on Great Oaks Drive during the school day. Be aware that they could be posted near our school any day, any time.