

Transportation Policy:

Discovery Charter School does not provide transportation for students to or from school and/or school related functions. The responsibility of providing transportation falls on the families of our students. It is up to families to determine the mode of transportation to use. The school does not assume a duty, liability, or responsibility for the transporting of students to or from school and/or school related functions. In such, families assume all liability in transporting their students to and from school each day. Please be aware that during arrival and dismissal times that the geographical area surrounding the school is heavily congested. Families should use caution and keep this in mind when selecting and providing transportation for their children. We ask that families adhere to the below stated procedures when dropping off or picking up students.

Arrival Guidelines

Students will be permitted into school at 7:45 a.m. and must be in class at 8:00 a.m. Students are to be dropped off at front doors. Parents who wish to accompany their child to class the first two weeks of school are to park by the south entrance and enter the building through the front doors. Parents should never park in the front lot during arrival as this disrupts the traffic flow of arrival and becomes a safety concern with people walking through traffic. After the first two weeks of school, parents are strongly encouraged to drop their child off by going through car line or walking them to the front steps. Beginning Monday, August 27th, the gym will be open at 7:30 a.m. for drop off. Students should not be dropped off and left unattended until 7:30 a.m.. Students will wait in the gym until doors open at 7:45 a.m., at which point they will be released to their classrooms.

Dismissal Guidelines

Students will be dismissed by exiting through the front doors. Prior to the beginning of the school year, you will receive information about pick up procedures. All parents should pick up their child in car line instead of parking and walking into the school building. The main entrance is a high traffic area during dismissal, so in order to maintain a safe dismissal, parents are not allowed to wait inside or walk to the front doors to pick up their child(ren). All families are expected to pick up their student(s) via the established dismissal procedures. If your child is participating in a carpool, please make sure they know what carpool name they should be looking for at dismissal. LATE PICKUP: Families will be charged at a rate of \$1.00 each minute students are picked up after 4:00 p.m. (2:20 p.m. on Wednesday).

Safety on Canonie Drive

When lining up in the car line for dismissal on Canonie, it is imperative that no one pass the line on the left (south) side of the line up in order to access the driveway to our back parking lot. If you need to come into school before dismissal officially begins, do so before 2:45 p.m.. Traffic coming from our back parking lot does not have a stop sign and the right (eastbound) turn has a blind spot. There have been several near accidents at that corner. Please do not let impatience override the concern for the safety of all. In addition, please do not begin lining up for dismissal until 3:00 p.m. (1:20 p.m. on Wednesdays).

Walking/Bike Riding Policy

Due to the nature, location, and logistics of our arrival and dismissal procedures we ask that no students/families walk or ride bikes along Canonie Drive or along any path that crosses traffic. Furthermore, in light of logistics of arrival/dismissal procedures and the congestion of traffic during these times, families should contact school administration to inform the school of their intent to have students walk/ride their bikes and discuss alternative procedures.