

PLACERITA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The staff at Placerita Junior High School is very concerned about the safety of all our students. Traffic during the morning and afternoon hours can be very challenging, testing the patience of all of us. Our school's "valet" drop-off and pick-up program has been created to help alleviate traffic congestion, and most importantly, to increase the safety of our students! PLEASE follow these instructions when dropping off and picking up your child from school.

Valet Line

Directly in front of the school on Dalbey Drive is a "valet lane" designated by orange cones and "Enter" and "Exit" signs. Please drive as far down the lane as possible before stopping to let your student in or out of the car. Do not ask your student to climb under the ropes. Wait until you have reached the open area for students to safely step onto the sidewalk. Then please watch for oncoming traffic (especially behind you in your mirrors and over your shoulder) as you exit. Do not go around the cones to cut into the front of the line! That is a busy "bus stop" area. Please remember, too, that U-Turns on Dalbey Drive and 16th Street are not legal (resulting in citations from the Sheriff's Dept.) and highly dangerous for both drivers and students!

Parking Lots

Please do NOT enter the parking lots. Placerita teachers and staff members, along with Golden Oak Adult School, TLC Adult School, and daily delivery, trash, and service trucks use the parking lots both at the corner of Dalbey and Newhall as well as the west end by the 100 building. We have had several students almost hit by cars whose drivers cannot easily see students walking through these busy parking lots. Please talk with your student about safely walking on sidewalks, and entering main gates available on all sides of our campus.

Jay Walking

Students are constantly reminded by staff about the dangers of jay walking. We have absolutely seen horrible accidents caused by jay walking. Students have been hit by cars routinely. It is simply not safe! Do NOT drop your student off on the Newhall Park side in front of our school, and expect them to jaywalk across the street. Students must use the crosswalks at clearly marked corners to remain safe. Please talk with your child about looking both ways before stepping off the curb, especially noticing cars that might be turning, even when everyone thinks it is safe.

Bicycles

Students may ride bicycles to school with a properly fitting HELMET. We require students to walk their bikes across crosswalks, and also in front of the school on Dalbey Drive where most of our student pedestrians also walk. This is a highly traveled area. So please remind your student to walk his or her bicycle on Dalbey into the school grounds. There is a sidewalk on the far left end of our west parking lot (by the 100) building for bikes to be safely walked in and locked onto our bike racks inside the campus.

Surrounding Streets

Parents may also choose to drop students off on 16th Street or Newhall Ave., and allow students to walk into school from there. Students may walk across the athletic fields and track both before and after school to meet parents on surrounding streets that are often less congested. Students may also enter through the gate by the 1100 building off Newhall Ave.