

APEX FRIENDSHIP HIGH SCHOOL Carpool Directions 2025-2026



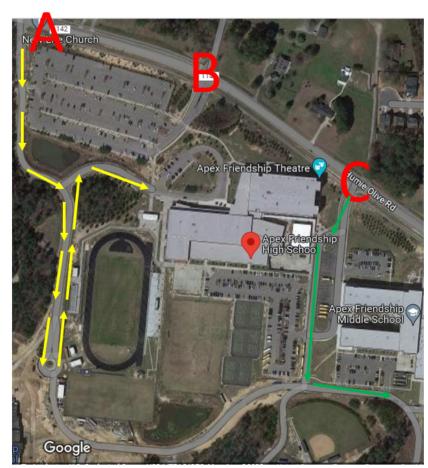
Purpose: The purpose of this document is to effectively communicate safe pathways to and from school using carpool.

Policies & Procedures. We ask all members of our AFHS community to follow the procedures below to support a smooth and safe carpool experience.

- **1. Be patient.** There are over 2800 people descending on campus between 6:35-7:20. It takes time to get everyone in.
- 2. Adult drivers only. We are seeking a safe and efficient carpool experience for all. Student drivers in the carpool lane requires switching drivers upon arrival which slows traffic. Please avoid having student drivers in the carpool loop.
- 3. Remain in the flow of carpool traffic. Parking to wait for your student interrupts the flow of traffic and creates unnecessary safety concerns. Please avoid parking in a space unless there is a medical need or you are entering the building.
- 4. No parents in the Student Parking lot. Students pay for parking spaces in the parking lot. Parents who park in paid parking spaces cause delays for students as they are dismissed from the parking lot.

Morning Carpool Procedures:

- 1. The school building is open for carpool arrival starting at 6:35am each morning.
- 2. Parents should enter through the carpool entrance (marked "A" on the map.). Continue to drive down next to the football field and drive around the rotary (traffic circle) at the end of the road. As we anticipate a large volume of carpool drivers, this provides extra space to fit more cars on campus and get them off Humie Olive Road as fast as possible. The carpool lane will then proceed up to the front of the school building.
- Carpool drivers must pull up as far as they can, but should have students exit anywhere that is adjacent to the sidewalk.
- We work to move the carpool line as fast as possible and if all parents



- adhere to the policies we will be able to move the line quickly. Please plan for additional time when picking up or dropping off.
- **5. Starting at about 6:45am,** we will begin using the bus loop as a second carpool loop (marked as entrance "C" on the map.). Parents taking this path should exist using the access road behind the middle school and re-enter Humie Olive Road at the stoplight by Evans Road.
- 6. Parents may NOT use the center "staff" lane to bypass the carpool lane. This lane is needed to allow substitutes and students with handicapped needs access into the building.
- 7. Parents should drive slowly. We do have students and substitutes who park in the handicapped parking spaces in the front of the school.
- Cones will be added to the carpool loop to support safe movement through the loop by cars. Cones will be added in the area noted below by the cone graphics.



 Signage and staff are being added to the carpool loop to encourage parents to drop students off at all points along the approved carpool dropoff zone. This area is highlighted on the map below.



• In the bus loop lot, cones will be added to the exit. This will reinforce the existing expectation that cars only exit at the back of the lot.



Afternoon Carpool Procedures

- 1. All students will be dismissed from class at 2:18.
- 2. Carpool riders will report directly to the carpool loop in front of the school. Parents should use the carpool lane only. Please do not park in the front parking spaces as those spaces are needed for visitors to after-school activities.
- 3. Parents will be asked to **pull forward to the sign that says "Carpool Line Forms Here."** If the area is open, parents should pull all the way forward and not pick up their children directly in front of the school. Please do not stop in front of the Performing Arts area or front doors if there is open space in front of you. Students should walk to the car wherever it is in the line.
- 4. Parents may NOT use the center "staff" lane to bypass the carpool lane. This lane is needed to allow students with handicapped needs access to the building.
- 5. Parents should be aware of students crossing at the student crosswalk to the student parking lot. Please follow the guidance of the crossing guard administrator in this area.
- 6. The bus loop is never used for carpool traffic in the afternoon dismissal process.