

Winston Churchill High School

Updated Guide to Morning Drop Off / Afternoon Pick Up



Purpose: To ensure the safety of all students Please follow these important guidelines regarding morning drop off and afternoon pick up .

Drop-off and Pick-up Guidelines:

1. All students should take advantage of MCPS bus transportation if available.
2. Children should not be dropped off or picked up on any of the streets surrounding WCHS, particularly Victory Lane or Gainsborough Road. The “no stopping” street signs around the school should be obeyed. Montgomery County Police Department will continue to monitor and enforce all traffic laws
3. Schools in Montgomery County are experiencing a large increase in car traffic and transportation. For that reason, it is highly recommended students be dropped off earlier and picked up later - or ride MCPS provided bus transportation, if available.
 - Drop-off: Recommend coming before 7:30
 - Pick-up: Recommend coming after 2:40
4. Please do not switch drivers, including student drivers, in the drop off areas because this only adds to the morning delay of traffic flow.
5. The drop off areas are not for extending stopping – all students should quickly exit and enter the vehicles to keep the traffic moving.
6. Students walking to school must utilize cross walks.
7. After 2:45 each day - the bus loop can be used for both parking and student pick-up.

Designated Drop Off / Pick Up Areas:

There are two areas designated for drop off and pick up.

1. Victory Lane Drop off/Pick up Area
2. Gainsborough Road “Stadium/Auditorium” Drop off/Pick up Area

Directions for Victory Lane Drop off/Pick up Area

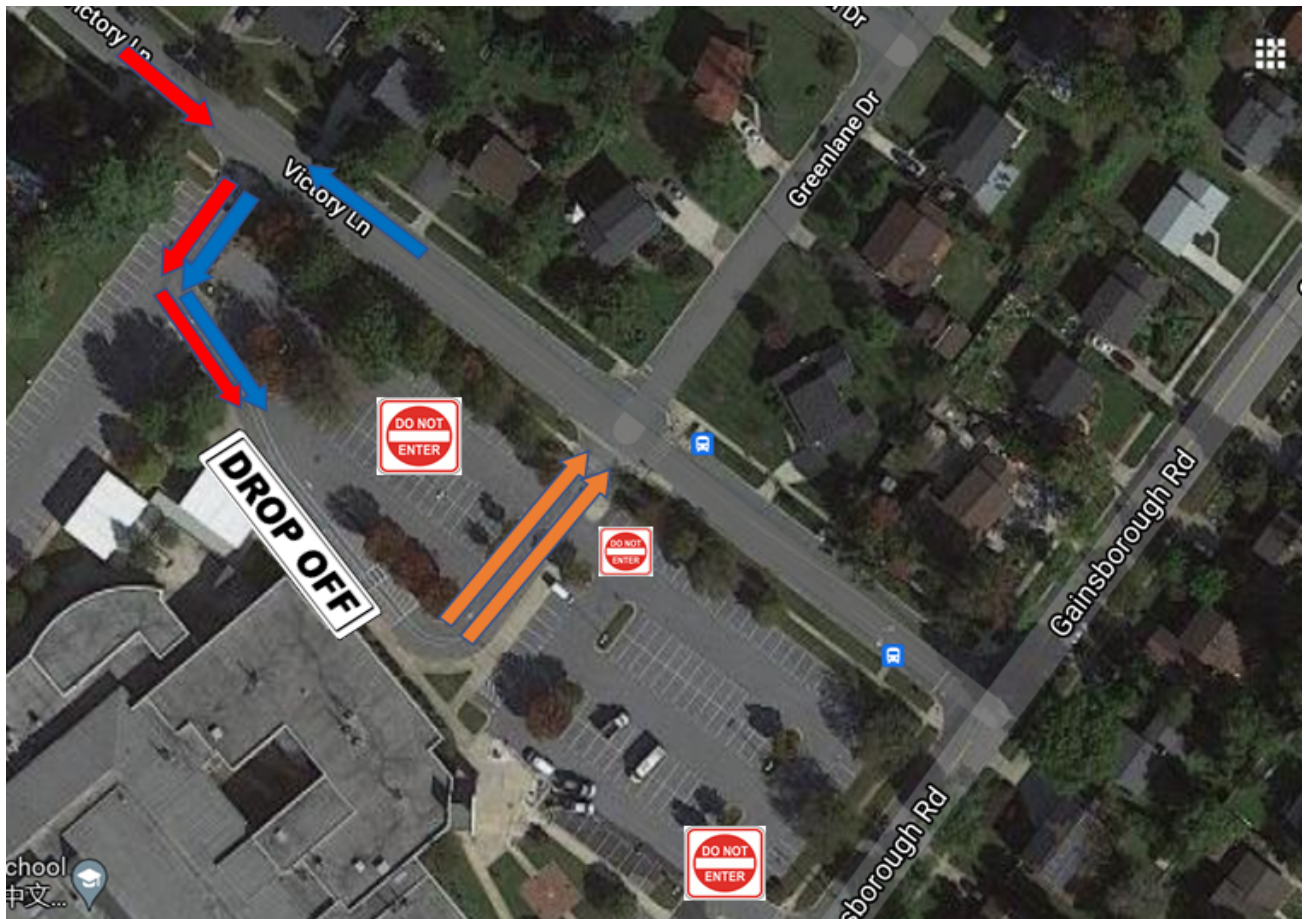
- Upon entering this lot, vehicles will form two lines based on the direction they entered from Victory Lane. The two lines are divided by traffic flow delineators. (Please see the image below).
- One lane (the red lane) will drop off/pick up students adjacent to the curb. Please allow the buses to use this lane, they must drop off at the curb.

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- The other lane (the blue lane) will drop off/pick up students to the left of the median, to the left of the red drop off lane.
- Vehicles will no longer be allowed to drop off/pick up in the student parking lot. This area will be a "DO NOT ENTER" zone except for permitted vehicles
- The designated "Drop Off/Pick Up" locations will be identified to allow students to safely exit from vehicles.
- Once exiting the designated drop off/pick up area, vehicles may change lanes as needed to turn left or right onto Victory Lane (the orange lanes).
- **BUSES:** A few of our discrete programming buses must drop-off at Victory Lane, with the majority now transitioning to using the bus loop for drop off. All of the discrete programming buses will pick up at Victory Lane. We ask parents to **not enter** the Victory Lane Pick up area until after 2:40.



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Directions for Gainsborough Road “Stadium / Auditorium” Drop off /

Pick up Area

- Vehicles may enter the stadium lot from both directions on Gainsborough Road (Please see image below – red arrows)
- Students can exit / enter vehicles behind the row of parked cars immediately adjacent to the school. (Please see image below – Designated Drop off/Pick up Location).
- Vehicles may only exit to the right (southbound) on Gainsborough Road (blue arrows) and will **not** be permitted to turn left during morning drop off hours or afternoon pick up hours.

