

Good afternoon GHS Parents, Students and Guests,

We are writing to help clarify expectations regarding parent drop-off and pick-up at Germantown High School and to address student drivers who leave through the back drive from Student Lots C or B.

Those who are returning to GHS may remember that last year, the rear entrance to GHS was closed to drivers for pick-up. The good news is that the rear entrance to the campus, off of Edison Drive, is now open and available for use, but with marked changes.

A challenge of the ongoing construction, however, is that the front parking lot has been reduced from two lanes to one in front of the new main entrance. This will create a bottleneck that could impact drivers' ability to drop off and pick up students at the start and the end of the day. Also, there is a construction crane outside of Door 33, which takes up a significant amount of space in what was the pick-up and drop-off zone.

In addition, drivers are reminded to keep out of the bus lanes, as students are crossing in that area. Do not attempt to enter the bus lanes while the buses are present. Finally, do not park or stop on River Lane, as that creates an unsafe situation for passing traffic.

As a result of the factors above, we are now encouraging drivers to use the rear entrance of the building to drop-off or pick-up students. We have attached a map to help you understand how the process will work. There are two, one-way traffic passages that run parallel to the south side of the new Fieldhouse. A driver may enter the GHS campus from the west off of Edison drive, follow the road past Datka Stadium, and enter the new drop-off and pick-up area. There is a yellow-striped pedestrian walkway that runs parallel to the new fieldhouse. Students may wait for their driver in the pedestrian walkway. Drivers will need to pull completely forward (east) into the pick-up area before stopping. Once drivers have picked up/dropped off students, they will make a left turn to exit the area by returning west to Edison Drive.

Also, in the past, some students left Student Lots C or B via an exit near the ticket booth by Datka Stadium. Students can no longer turn left and drive out the rear entrance. They will need to follow the arrows and traffic pattern and exit closer to the main school building. The gate that was previously closed there will be left open. They will then turn left to drive west and out to the back entrance.

As always, please remember that the speed limit in our parking lots is 10 miles per hour. SRO Olson will be monitoring driver speed in the area. Also, if drivers wait 15 minutes to pick up students, they will find that the entire process will be less crowded, and therefore less stressful. On a typical day at GHS, the buses leave the campus around 2:35 and we are relatively clear by 2:40.

We thank you for your assistance as we navigate a new look to our campus. More parking is in the process of being added through these projects and the front visitor lot will be reconfigured in the summer of 2019. If you have questions or comments, please reach out to a member of the GHS administrative team.

