WS Mount Elementary School

Student Arrivals and Dismissals

Please be aware that Mount does not have the personnel required to supervise students who are dropped off early. Only students with pre-scheduled activities will be permitted to enter the building. This added security measure is for your children's safety, as we want to ensure that every child is appropriately supervised.

Any student arriving at school before the designated school day begins—for music instruction, SACC, or extra help—must be signed in by a parent or guardian. Students cannot be dropped off at the parking lot entrance and left unsupervised.

Staff members who supervise dismissal are responsible for escorting children to their buses each afternoon. Responsibility for the children is then transferred to our bus drivers, who drop the students at the designated stop nearest to their home. Parents can therefore expect that children are always in the supervision of an adult. If a child fails to arrive home in a timely manner, we can quickly trace the child's steps by speaking to teachers and/or transportation personnel.

Please ensure that a parent or guardian is present to meet the children as they exit the bus at their bus stops. For children who are picked up after school, the daily sign-out sheet is the method we employ to track a child's departure from school. Only a parent, guardian, or someone directly authorized by a parent or guardian in writing or as indicated on the emergency contact card, may take a child home from school. Staff will not release a child to any unauthorized person. Please be prepared to show photo identification when signing children out of school.

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In the event that you have authorized someone else to pick up your child, please inform them that they will need proper identification. We ask that you limit last-minute, non-emergency changes to dismissal procedures, as this may result in miscommunication and delays. Please contact the main office before noon if there must be a change to your child's regular dismissal plans.

We hope that you will limit early pickups whenever possible so that your child benefits from a full instructional day. The goal of this vigilance is to ensure the safe return home of all children each day. The Mount staff is entrusted with the safety and education of hundreds of children on a daily basis, and we take this responsibility very seriously. Security and the instructional integrity of our programs are our top priorities. We need your cooperation and support in maintaining them.

Arrival:

- Student drop-off is at the security entrance beginning at 9:15.
- Cars should pull up to the curb, and students should exit the vehicle on the passenger side to enter the building, following the directions of the security guards.

Dismissal:

- Pick-up is from the cafeteria beginning at 3:30.
- Please enter at security with your ID.
- Students will need to be signed out to leave the building.