



## **Central School Traffic Guidelines**

If you drive to school, you must either use the drop-off/pick-up lane on Central Avenue or park your car legally and walk. There are simple rules all cars **MUST** follow:

- Stay in your car in the carpool line.
- Pull your vehicle up as far as possible in the line.
- Follow directions from Crossing Guards and School Staff Volunteers (wearing green vests)
- Do NOT pull into the blacktop driveway just west of the school.
- Do NOT cut into the line
- Do NOT double park requiring kids to cut between cars

Instructions for the drop-off/pick up lane on Central Avenue:

- Enter the lane **ONLY** from the rear of the pick-up lane on Central Ave (going west). The end of the line will often extend down to the 800 and 700 blocks of Central. **Do not cut in line.**
- Do **NOT** enter the carpool line from 8th Avenue. This has become a safety issue for children attempting to walk to and from school.
- Do not park anywhere along the drop-off/pick-up line and get out of your car. The drop-off/pick-up line is a carpool line that is meant to continue to move.
- Stay in your car and move forward as space opens up ahead of you. If you must walk your child to the door, please park your car in a legal parking space (see below).
- Morning drop-off - Please wait to let your children out of the vehicle until you are in front of the school.
- Afternoon pickup - Your child should get in your car **ONLY** while you're in the pick-up lane (not in the street, crosswalks, illegal parking spots or alleys). Tell your children to:
  - Wait in front of the school until they see your car in the lane.
  - Give you a chance to move your car forward in the lane before getting in.

Legal Parking is available on:

- Central Avenue - south side of the street
- Central Avenue - west of 10th (by Masonic Lodge), both sides of the street
- Lake Avenue - north side of the street
- 10th Street

Staff Parking Only: Along 9th Street between Lake and Central

If you walk to school, please review the Preferred Walking Route and consider forming a "walking school bus" with your neighbors. Kids love to walk, and it is great exercise.

No Dogs Allowed: The Village of Wilmette prohibits dogs (even leashed) on school property. Violators are subject to a fine.

Everyone Benefits! This system works if everyone cooperates. When drivers block traffic, cut in line, double-park, or don't move up, children are endangered, traffic snarls and tempers fray.

Thank you in advance for contributing to everyone's safety and smooth traffic flow!

**Please share this information with anyone who picks up your children ~ babysitters, grandparents, neighbors, and friends.**