

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the past few years we have had multiple issues with parking at Kernersville Elementary School. I'm sure that most would agree that the majority of the issues occur during afternoon dismissal. The administration and staff at KES, along with the Kernersville Police Department, have worked together to try and find a solution to a problem that has quickly become a safety issue. Unfortunately the changes that we have determined need to be made will not make everyone happy, but if everyone follows these rules, it will make our school environment a safer one for students, parents, and staff.

**We adhere to and enforce the following policies:**

1. No Early Sign Outs will be allowed after 2:00 p.m.
2. Please arrive **BEFORE 2:00 p.m.** if your child has a medical appointment AND you have sent a note to the teacher indicating that fact.
3. All Early Sign Outs require a doctor's note to be marked as excused. There is no provision in the State's Compulsory Attendance Law that allows for Early Sign Outs for the parent's and/or guardian's convenience.
4. After 2:00 p.m. the parking area in front of the school will **ONLY** be used for handicapped parking.

Another area that has become an issue with parents and staff is the "**walker line.**" These areas were originally set up for the students that live in close proximity to the school. Over the years, parents who chose not to pick up their child(ren) from the car rider lines parked in various places (front of the school, side gravel lot, private business lot neighboring school, upper parking lot by football field, etc.) and walked up to pick their child(ren) up from the "walker line." As time has passed, this has become more and more of a problem for KES staff, other parents, and the police department. Even after being instructed not to, parents continue to park in the neighboring private business lot and drive over sidewalks and through the chain that separates the front and back pickup loops, causing costly damage that had to be repaired. We have had several incidents where parents have engaged in verbal exchanges and used profanity in front of children. I hope that we can all agree that this unsafe and childish behavior cannot, and will not, continue

As originally intended, the only students who will be allowed to meet in the areas known as the "Walker Line" will be students who live in close proximity to the school and walk home. These students will exit through the far right door in the Main Lobby and will be escorted by a staff member down to the Crossing Guard at the main exit on West Mountain Street OR exit through their designated door leading to the back dismissal loop and will be escorted by a staff member across the parking lot to the sidewalk and stop sign located at the corner of School Street and our parking lot.

1. If your child(ren) lives 2/10 of a mile or more from campus, which is outside of "walker range," they WILL NOT be allowed to go to the "walker line" area. These students will need to be picked up from the appropriate car rider line (Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders; along with their older siblings – front loop; 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders – back loop) or ride the bus home.
2. No 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be allowed to be picked up in the front loop unless they have a sibling that is in kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in following these procedures and in helping us to keep all of our children, parents, and staff members safe. If you have any questions or concerns please leave your name and number with the office staff, 336-703-4100, and I will return your phone call.

Sergeant Derek Long  
Kernersville Police Department