

HIGH ROCK SCHOOL

WALKING, BIKING, TRAFFIC and PARKING

Tips to help you keep your child safe to and from school.

Arrival and Departure Times

Students may arrive at High Rock between 7:25-7:35 a.m. They must be in their seats in their advisory classroom at 7:40 a.m. **IMPORTANT – there is no supervision of students prior to 7:25 am.**

Students conclude their school day at 2:10 pm. Students who are staying for after-school help can be picked up at 2:40 pm. Other than after-school help, there is no supervision of children after 2:10 pm.

First Day of School

Families are encouraged to start the first day of school with the mode of transportation that will be used on a daily basis. At the beginning of school, there are many supports in place to help students understand the routines. Bus students learn which bus line to populate, students in a carpool will learn where to find each other and wait in the car line. Walkers will learn their route to and from school. While it will be tempting to drive your child to High Rock on the first day, it is not necessarily best for your child and will add congestion to an already tight High Rock traffic pattern.

Walk or Bike to School!

Students are encouraged to walk or bike to school as frequently as possible. Its great exercise, can be a fun social time with friends and family, and helps students develop independence skills. In order to encourage 6th graders to walk to High Rock School, a number of crossing guards have been added at key locations:

Linden Street/Great Plain Avenue
Linden Street/Oak Street
Linden Street/Sylvan Road
High Rock Street/Birchwood Road
Chestnut Street/Oak Street
Marked Tree Road/High Rock Street

Walkers and bikers are encouraged to enter the High Rock campus on either end of the Linden Street driveway. Sidewalks are available that will lead to the Linden Street school entrance. Bicycle racks are also available near the Linden Street entrance.

Automobile Drop-Off and Pick-Up

In order to keep the High Rock campus safe and orderly, strict automobile drop-off and pick-up routines will be established. Between the hours of 7-8 a.m. and 1:40-2:40 p.m., Monday through Friday, the following will be in place:

- The Linden Street entrance will be one-way, entering at Linden Street and exiting at Sylvan Road with a left turn only.
- Students may enter/exit vehicles on the passenger side only.
- The pick-up line will begin in the driveway at the “pick up begins here” sign. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to queue up along the entire length of the Linden Street driveway. (NOTE: See map at end of document.)

School Bus Routes

Students who live more than 2 miles from High Rock School and are eligible for free transportation should submit a transportation application. Please go to the Transportation Website to get more information at

<http://www.needham.k12.ma.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=64513&pageId=613149>

Bus routes/stops will be posted on this website and will be published in the local newspaper during the last week in August. Students who have requested a bus pass will receive it during the last week of August as well.

The upper circle off Ferndale Road will be reserved for buses only from 7:15-7:45 a.m. and 1:30-2:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. All automobile traffic during that time will be directed to the lower lot near the fields with one-way access off Linden Street.

Late Bus

There will be a late bus available this school year that will transport students from the High Rock and Pollard Schools approximately 30-40 minutes after the end of the school day. The bus will run on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays** only. Students are required to have their bus pass, just as they would if they were riding on the regular scheduled bus. Please note that students should know their stop. The bus will only make stops where needed. Empty stops will be omitted. It is possible that the entire route could be as long as an hour depending on ridership.

Shuttle Bus to Pollard for Designated Multi-Grade After School Activities

A few after-school programs available to 6th graders will be multi-grade and take place at Pollard. In order to facilitate participation among 6th graders, students will be transported using the existing buses. Only students participating in these activities (e.g. Cross-Country, Chorus, Wind Ensemble, Town Orchestra, Band, Musical, etc.) will be allowed to board the shuttle buses. The shuttle buses will leave High Rock immediately after school ends.

Special Event Parking

High Rock presents parking challenges, especially for large events. When possible events will be staggered to minimize parking frustrations. On a daily basis the parking lots will accommodate staff and a few visitors only. The upper lot offers 23 spaces and the lower Linden Street lot offers 61 spaces. Street parking along the even side of Linden Street will be required for large events.

Special Event during the school day:

- handicapped spaces are available at both the upper and lower lots
- use any available spaces in the Linden Street lot
- park on the even-numbered side of Linden Street as directed by street parking signs

Special Event after school hours:

- handicapped spaces are available at both the upper and lower lots
- use any available spaces in both the Ferndale Road upper lot and the Linden Street lower lot
- park on the even-numbered side of Linden Street as directed by street parking signs

Daily Parking

The upper lot (19 spots plus 4 handicapped spots) will be assigned parking for approximately 9 staff members, with approximately 9 spaces for visitors. Visitor spaces are available for guests to the school during school hours. All other staff will park in the Linden Street lot.

School Entrance During School Hours

All guests will be required to enter the school using the Ferndale Road main entrance. For security purposes all guests will check in at the main office.

We hope that by providing this information we can be good neighbors within the High Rock neighborhood and we can help you create safe and reliable routines for your student.

Contact Information

For questions about buses, crossing guards, or transportation, please call Shane Marchand, Transportation Director at (781) 455-0400 x11234

