

## Frequently Asked Questions: Pick-up & Drop-off

### Q: Why did LCS change to a new traffic pattern?

A: Having a campus with multiple structures can present challenges when considering today's best practices for campus safety. Having a single point of entry into a campus provides a safe and efficient way to monitor student/pedestrian traffic by correcting several major safety concerns to our students and families that were recognized via verbal complaints and independent traffic studies.

### Q: How does the new traffic pattern affect me?

A: The "new traffic pattern" refers to the pick-up and drop-off process that was implemented after Spring break in April of 2019 for the remainder of the 2018/19 school year. As you begin planning, take time to think through the following:

- Have you considered an optimal time to leave your house that will allow you to get your children to school on time? Please attempt to *give yourself more time than expected* until you have identified the "normal flow and time table" of campus traffic.
- Although there is only one school entrance to the car-line, there are multiple routes that can be utilized to arrive at the main entrance. Please determine which route will be optimal for you and remember to always drive safely, *even if you are running late*.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE: Please review the Drop-Off and Pick-up Maps located under Parent Resources on the LCS website. You will be able to see the various routes for drop-off and pick-up that have been designated for K-4/K-5, Elementary, and Secondary students.**

### Q: Are there any changes to the new traffic pattern?

A: Pick-up and drop-off will look and feel the same as it did when we ended the 2018/19 school year. With that, you will notice some changes for the 2019/20 school year that we have detailed below.

- The school has made changes to the striping in the parking lot to help clarify and streamline the traffic flow. In addition, the school has invested in additional traffic signage to assist our student and family drivers with better information as it relates to the traffic pattern on campus. *For the safety of our students and pedestrian traffic, please obey all traffic signs, road stripings, delineator poles, and staff members who may be directing traffic.*
- Similar to the Chick-Fil-A drive through, our car line system works most efficiently when cars pull all the way forward, safely closing the gap between your car and the car in front of you. LCS staff will be available to assist in this process. If you end up being the front car, there will be a crossing guard directing you to pull forward to the white "stop bar" painted on the ground.

### Q: Who created the new traffic pattern?

A: After consulting with City of Lakeland officials (Traffic Operations & Community Development) and traffic consultants, the LCS Administration, along with the school's Safety Committee, decided upon the new traffic pattern that was tested at the end of the 2018/19 school year. The City was eager to partner

with the school in this process and has assisted in developing a more efficient and safe traffic pattern that will benefit our LCS families and the surrounding neighborhoods.

**Q: Has the change accomplished what it was intended to do?**

**A:** Yes. The new traffic pattern has helped to create a safer and more orderly pick-up and drop-off process for our students and families. LCS Administration is confident that, with the continued support from our school families, the City of Lakeland and our surrounding community, we can continue to promote and provide a safe learning environment for our students.

**Q: What are the school day hours?**

- Elementary = 8:05-2:40
- Secondary = 7:45-3:10

**Q: What can you do to help?**

- Please be courteous to others as we all work to get through pick-up and drop-off as quickly and safely as possible.
- Please pull as far forward as possible before dropping off your children.
- Please obey all traffic signs, road stripings, pole delineators, and staff members to create the safest environment possible for our students.
- Families with elementary students should plan to drop off their children between 7:10-7:20 AM or after 7:45 AM.
- Please make sure your children are ready to exit your vehicle when you arrive at the drop-off spot.
- Please avoid using Webster/Queen Street whenever possible as we work to be good neighbors to the surrounding community.