

Parking, drop-off, and pick-up--oh my!



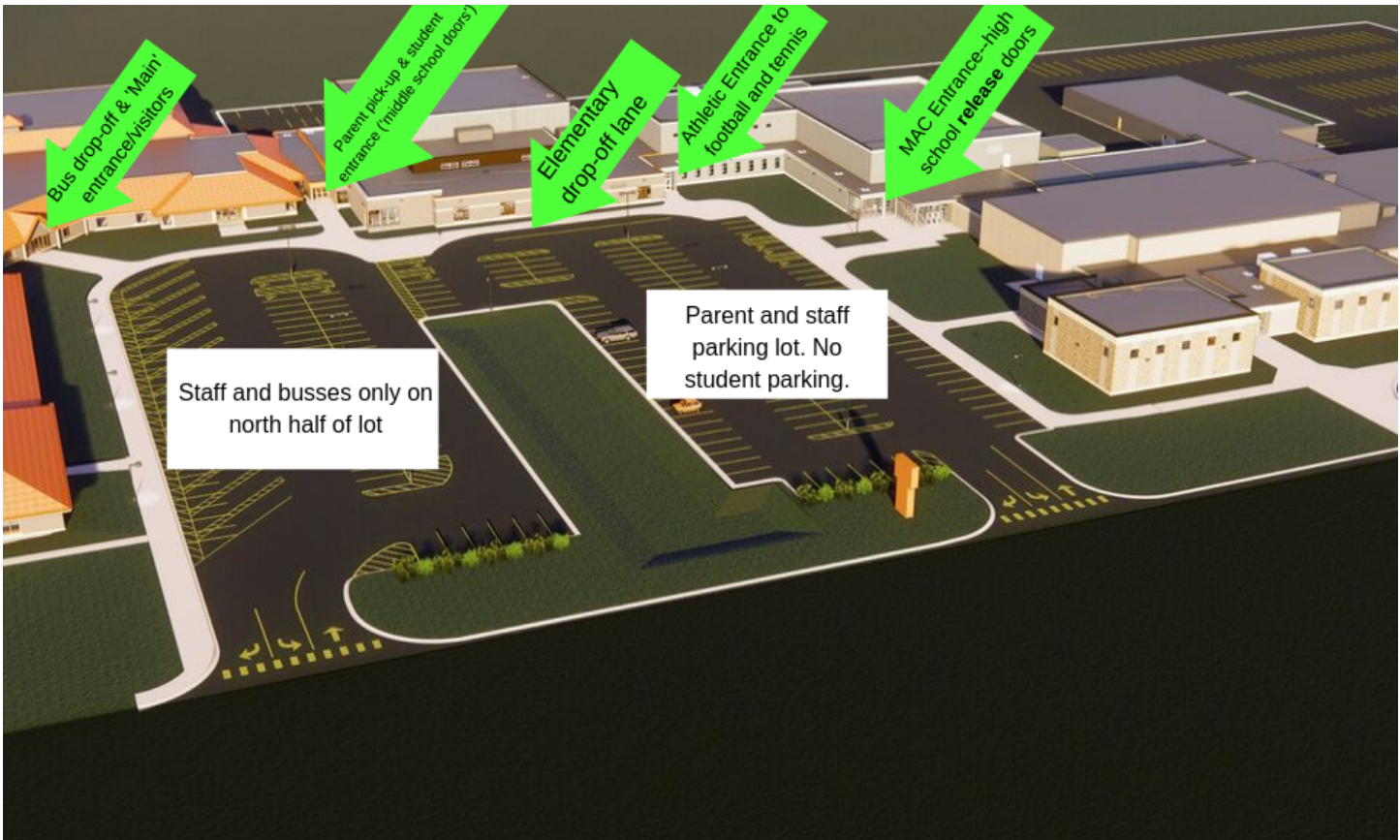
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Here are the best practices when dropping off, picking up, and parking at Pierz Schools to ensure a safe and timely drop-off and pick up, and clear up confusion on where to park for sports and other activities at the school.

At Pioneer, the parking lot is divided into two sections--north of the storm water retention area (someday to be native prairie grass and wildflowers to be used as an outdoor classroom!), and south of the retention area. The north section is for staff and buses only. Parents should never drop their students at the 'main' doors of the elementary. This ensures the safety of children of parents during busy drop off and pick up times. The south half of the parking lot has the drop off lane where parents can stay in their vehicles and move through the lane, stopping near the middle school doors as their children exit their vehicle. No parking in this lane. Parents can also park in this south lot, walking their children to the new middle school doors. These doors are clearly marked with signage. Students are picked up at door 20. Students in grades 6-12 may be picked up at the MAC doors. We ask that those picking their students up at the MAC doors park in a spot rather than pulling up in the fire lane.

Students in grades 7-12 can enter door 7 (behind Healy) or door 3 (front of Healy) starting at 7:30am. Door 3 is the bus drop off point, if you are dropping off as a parent, please pull up to door 2 to avoid the buses. The main entrance at the high school is Door 2 where visitors and students coming after the start of the day will need to be buzzed into the building. District offices are also located here; this is also the entrance for most Community Education activities.

The middle school Athletic Entrance doors are clearly signed on the west side of the school, in the south half of the new parking lot, and create easy access to the track, football fields and tennis courts. These doors will be open during most events to allow parents to park to the west of the new school, attend games or events to the east of school, and use the bathrooms located in that walk-through hallway.



Main entrance to Pioneer. Buses drop off and pick up here. Visitors also must use this door to get buzzed into the building during school hours. No parent drop off/pick up here.



Middle School doors. Students who get dropped off will enter Pioneer through these doors. Parents who pick students up at the end of the day will use these doors.



Athletic Fields entrance. This is a pass-through to tennis courts, track, and football. Spectators may park in this lot and walk through to the fields. Restroom/water facilities located here.



Healy students and 6th graders are released through these doors at the end of the day. This entrance is not open for student drop off in the mornings. Parents picking up students need to park, not stay in the fire lane. This is not a pick up lane.



Door 2, also 'Main Entrance' for the high school and district offices. Visitors will use this entrance to be buzzed into the building during school hours.



Door 3--the location for parents and buses to drop students. Please pull up to door 2 to avoid the buses. Do not park. Buses are using this area to drop students.