

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

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 St/Great Plain Ave
 - Linden St/Oak St
 - Linden St/Sylvan Rd
- High Rock St /Birchwood
 - Chestnut St./Oak St
- Marked Tree/High Rock St

Walkers and bikers are encouraged to enter the High Rock campus on either end of the Linden St. driveway. Sidewalks are available that will lead to the Linden St. school entrance. Bicycle racks are also available near the Linden St. 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. M-F, the following will be in place:

- The Linden St entrance will be one-way, entering at Linden St. and exiting at Sylvan Rd. 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 are encouraged to queue up along the entire length of the Linden St. driveway.

PICK-UP: The pick-up line will begin in the driveway at the “pick up begins here” sign. Parents are encouraged to queue up along the entire length of the Linden St. 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 have submitted a transportation application (due May 15, 2017). They will receive a bus pass for transportation to and from High Rock in the mail during the last week of August. Students who live 2 miles or less may elect to purchase a bus pass (\$415 until May 15; \$465 thereafter).

Bus routes/stops will be posted on the school 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 Rd will be reserved for buses only from 7:15-7:45 a.m. and 1:40-2:25 p.m., M-F. 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

The NCE Middle School program runs a fee-based Late Bus for students attending after school classes at either High Rock or Pollard, during the 8-9 weeks of each term of the program. The bus makes one sweep around the perimeter of town with a stop within 1/2 mile of almost all students. For the fall term, the NCE classes will be held at Pollard or High Rock. High Rock students attending after school classes at Pollard can register for the Late Bus as well, which will leave Pollard following the end of classes. The NCE Middle fall brochure will be available in September.

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, Treble Choir, Wind Ensemble, Town Orchestra, Jazz Band, Musical) will be

allowed to board the shuttle buses. Students already assigned to a bus will take their bus. Students that are not assigned to take a bus at the end of the day and are involved in any of these activities will take the shuttle bus assigned to them. 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 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 St. 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 St. as directed by street parking signs

Daily Parking

The upper lot (19 spots plus 4 handicapped spots) will be assigned parking for approximately 10 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, Ext. 234.

