



## Bonnie Brae Kiss & Ride Safety



Bonnie Brae School's mission is to educate all students in a safe and supporting environment; beginning and ending each day in a safe, positive manner is essential. Fairfax County has established an area called the "Kiss & Ride" to provide a safe place for adults in private vehicles to load and unload children each morning and afternoon. Kiss & Ride is separate from the school bus area which helps schools avoid problems associated with cars passing buses or cars parking in bus-only zones and fire lanes. It also establishes an important pedestrian traffic pattern to keep our children safe. By working together, the adults on duty will be able to provide an efficient and safe transfer of our children each day.

At Bonnie Brae, Kiss & Ride is located at the back of the south parking lot. This is the **ONLY** designated drop-off and pick-up point for children. To ensure safety for everyone, Bonnie Brae students are not permitted to cross the traffic pattern to meet an adult parked in vehicles located in the parking lot. Please observe the following rules when loading and unloading children each day:

- Children should **NOT** be dropped off earlier than 8:15 a.m.
- Pull forward as far as possible into the designated Kiss & Ride lane before loading or unloading.
- Load and unload in the Kiss & Ride area only. Parents accompanying children into the school building must use the front entrance only.
- Load and unload from the passenger side of the car only.
- Keep "good-byes" brief.
- Remain in the driver's seat. Do not park in the Kiss & Ride lane and leave your car unattended. This allows for the continual flow of traffic.
- Do not pass other cars that are loading or unloading, unless directed by a school staff member.
- Do not park in the parking lot or at the side of the street and call to children.
- Exit Kiss & Ride promptly after loading or unloading children.
- It is illegal to use handicap parking spaces without properly issued handicap tags. These spaces are not appropriate for Kiss & Ride pickup or drop off.
- The first three parking spaces at the end of Kiss & Ride are designated for the various day care vans. Please do not park there.
- **Extra patience and attention** is required during inclement weather.

### **Parent's Responsibility for Child's Walking Routes to/from School or Bus Stops**

- Parents are responsible for selecting their child's walking routes to and from bus stops, schools, and home.
- Parents are also responsible for providing supervision that is appropriate to the student's age, maturity, and conditions on the routes.
- FCPS staff does not assess all possible walking routes, supervise those routes, or guarantee the safety of any particular route.
- Staff provides general safety information to school communities, and responds to requests for specific information and advice when practicable.
- Staff also assesses routes for unusual hazards when walkers, parents, or others bring concerns to the attention.
- Special arrangements or precautions to include meeting their child at stops may be needed for younger riders such as Kindergarten or FECEP.