

Kings Park Elementary School: Partners in Safety

A Kiss & Ride Information Sheet Spring 2021

Kings Park ES has an established area called the Kiss & Ride, which is designed as a safe place for adults in private vehicles to load and unload children. With the cooperation of all drivers, the Kiss and Ride is able to provide an efficient and safe transfer of children.

To ensure safety for everyone, observe the following rules when loading and unloading children:

- Teach children how to buckle and unbuckle seatbelts so they can do it themselves.
- Cell phone use prohibited to ensure student safety.
- Practice so that children can open and close the car door independently.
- Seat children so they may enter/exit the vehicle easily.
- Load and unload from the passenger side of the car only.
- Designate a place in your vehicle where children's belongings can be positioned for easy retrieval or placement when unloading and loading.
- Say "good-byes" as you approach the unloading area.
- Remain in the driver's seat unless assisting your child with bulky items.
- Vehicles equipped with child protection locks may require assistance for your child to exit the vehicle. If so, please roll down your window and ask the teacher on duty.
- 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.
- Children may not load/unload items from the trunk/rear compartment of the vehicle.
- Parking in the parking lot and calling to children to cross between cars is not permitted.
- Parking in the Kiss & Ride lane and leaving your car unattended is not permitted.
- Follow the directions and the guidance of the teacher on duty.
- Be kind and helpful to staff on duty.
- Remember the speed limit on school grounds is 5 mph.
- Allow additional time on rainy or snowy days.
- Make sure you and your student know their teacher's name.

Spring 2021 KISS & RIDE CONTRACT FOR SAFETY

Most elementary schools in Fairfax County have established an area called the Kiss & Ride, which is designed as a safe place for adults in private vehicles to load and unload students. The 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 a pedestrian traffic pattern to keep students safe. To ensure safety for everyone, observe the rules when loading and unloading students:

I have read and agree to follow the Kiss & Ride rules.

I understand that failure to follow these rules is cause to revoke my Kiss & Ride privileges.

DRIVER(S)

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name _____

Signature _____

STUDENT(S) WHO WILL RIDE WITH YOU

TEACHER _____ K & R # _____

Remember to include the names of all the people in your car pool on your student Emergency Care Information sheet.

KISS AND RIDE PROCEDURE

The Kiss and Ride program at Kings Park is designed with your children's safety as the primary consideration.

MORNING

When dropping off your child in the morning, a hang tag number is not needed. We do ask that you pull as far forward as possible before stopping to let your child out along the entire length of the loading/unloading area (the yellow curb). Children should be ready to exit the vehicle **on the passenger side only** as quickly as possible.

- **Kindergartners** using the **Kiss and Ride** system to enter the school will be directed to enter through **door 5**. Kindergarten Kiss and Ride students should be picked up at 3:20 pm.
- **First Graders** using the **Kiss and Ride** system for arrival will enter through **door 9**. First Grade Kiss and Ride students should be picked up at 3:20 pm.
- **Second Graders** using the **Kiss and Ride** system for arrival will be directed to enter the school through **door 7**. Second Grade Kiss and Ride students should be picked up at 3:20 pm.
- **Third Graders** using the **Kiss and Ride** system for arrival will be directed to enter the school through **door 6**. Third Grade Kiss and Ride students should be picked up at 3:20 pm.

AFTERNOON

As you approach the parking lot in the afternoon, make sure your hang tag is on your rearview mirror. Kiss and Ride students will be dismissed from their classrooms where they will wait for their number to be announced and then go to their vehicle. You are asked to pull as far forward as possible so as to load the maximum number of cars as quickly and safely as possible. Drivers should remain in the car. Children should be able to enter the car and buckle their seatbelt independently. We appreciate a phone call to the office if you know you will be delayed, as it helps alleviate children's anxiety about a late pickup. The office phone number is 703-426-7000.

These Kiss and Ride procedures have been designed to alleviate groups of children exiting together, regardless of the location of their ride/car. This procedure also ensures that your child is more closely supervised while loading into the correct vehicle, thus achieving a safer dismissal procedure. Thank you for ensuring the safety of our children.

Any car without a hang tag will be asked to circle the parking lot until all numbered cars have cleared the area. Therefore, you are encouraged to have your hang tag visible during dismissal.

Frequently Asked Questions about Kiss and Ride

Q. If I'm only going to pick up my child once or twice a month, should I have a Kiss and Ride number?

A. Yes, whether you are picking up your band student with his/her instrument once a week, or your child has an appointment, it speeds up the dismissal process when everyone in line has a number.

Q. If I'm in a carpool, do we share a number or does each family need their own number?

A. Each family needs their own number. The carpool decides which number they will use for the carpool. On occasion when the carpool is not being used by a student, that child will have his/her own family number to use when being picked up.

Q. If I'm only driving my child to school in the morning and he/she walks or takes the bus in the afternoon, do I need a Kiss and Ride number?

A. No.

Q. On the rare occasion I am stuck in traffic and can't pick my child up in time, what happens?

A. Please call the main office at 703-426-7000 if you anticipate being late. You will then need to park and go into the office to pick up your child.

Q. What if I lose my hanger with my number?

A. If you need another hang tag, call the main office at 703-426-7000 to request a new one.

For those who may be interested in accessing our Kiss and Ride line, please [complete this form](#).

New Kiss and Ride numbers will be issued for 2021 and replace any previous numbers.