

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Hoxie Public Schools will begin a new traffic plan on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The administration, faculty, and staff are making changes to the path of traffic and drop off procedures on our campus to help protect our children and make safety a priority. We encourage all patrons to be cautious and patient as we begin this new plan.

Please review the **basic rules** and discuss with your child:

## **TRAVELING TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

### **School Arrival:**

Students may begin eating breakfast at 7:15 a.m. each morning. For students not eating breakfast, supervision begins at 7:30 a.m. Students are not supervised until the 7:30 a.m. duty person arrives. Teachers are not required to be in their classes until 7:45 a.m.

### **School Bus:**

- Children should always board and exit the bus at designated locations that provide safe access to the bus or to the school building. Students must enter the bus and sit in their designated seat. Upon arrival at school, students must go immediately into the building. Once a student has boarded, he/she may not leave the bus without notifying the bus driver.
- Students must have a **Bus Change Form** to ride a bus to a different location other than their home address.

### **Breakfast Procedures:**

Students may begin eating breakfast at 7:15 a.m. each morning. For students not eating breakfast, supervision begins at 7:30 a.m. Students are not supervised until the 7:30 a.m. duty person arrives. Teachers are not required to be in their classes until 7:45 a.m.

**Eating breakfast at school helps your student be ready to learn and also helps our school to meet the requirements of the grant that gives each student free breakfast and lunch.**

#### **Car Riders who eat breakfast:**

Students who eat breakfast will need to be dropped off at the Loop near the Playground. There will be a duty person there to direct them. Always listen to their instructions.

#### **Students not eating breakfast:**

Students will exit their car near the pavilion in the loop. A duty person will be there to help you. Always listen to their instructions. Students arriving prior to 7:45 must go to the saferoom until they are released.

### **Car Riders Northeast of the Campus Alice and Gibson Streets:**

- The crossing guard will be the eyes and ears of students for safety. The guard will make certain traffic is stopped and will motion for students to move into the crosswalk.
- Parents will be encouraged to park in the lot across from the entrance to the football field (if you are walking your student in).
- Parking between the elementary and high school offices will be for faculty and staff only. Please leave parking places near the elementary entrance available for students with special needs. All passengers should wear a seat belt and/or an age- and size-appropriate car safety seat or booster seat.
- Please seat elementary age children in the driver side back seat.
- State Law forbids texting or talking on your cell phone while in a school zone. Tickets may be issued.
- Be alert. Speed limit in a school zone is 10 mph.

### **Car Riders Picked up at the Loop with Pavilion: (west of the school, near the playground)**

- For the safety of students and parents, **traffic flow will be reversed at the loop.** Cars will enter from Hwy 63B and turn left at the stop sign by the superintendent's office. Follow the arrows painted on the pavement along the softball and baseball fields. You will enter the loop area from the road closest to the baseball field (this is opposite of the direction taken in the past).
- Yield to all pedestrians.
- Watch for signals from the duty person to proceed.
- Students will be given name cards to place in their dashboard window. This will expedite the loading process.
- All passengers should wear a seat belt and/or an age- and size-appropriate car safety seat or booster seat.
- Please seat elementary age children in the driver side back seat.
- State Law forbids texting or talking on your cell phone while in a school zone. Tickets may be issued.
- Be alert. Speed limit in a school zone is 10 mph.

## **General Tips for Motorists**

- Be a good role model. Always buckle up in the car.
- Always support the rules and instructions of the duty person.
- Be alert for children who may dart into the path of a vehicle without looking for oncoming traffic.

## **Tips for Students**

- Always buckle up when riding in a car. Be sure to remove your backpack before getting in the vehicle. Never buckle your safety belt with your backpack on.
- Always wait for the adult to help you when crossing the street.
- Always ride in the back seat. It's the safest place for young people.
- If you ride a school bus, learn and practice the safety rules for waiting at the bus stop, getting on and off the bus, and riding the bus.
- Never wait for the school bus in the roadway.
- If you walk to school, learn and practice the safety rules for pedestrians. It's extremely important for you to use sidewalk when available, look left-right-left when crossing the road, and always walk facing traffic.
- Always cross at cross walks, obey all traffic signs, traffic lights and crossing guard instructions.