

## Wheatland Center School Bus/Car Committee's Recommendation

The WCS bus/car committee:

1. Parents: Mrs. Julie Benes, Mrs. Heather Russell, and Mrs. Miriam DeVault
2. Teachers: Mrs. Julie Linton, Mr. Bart Wepking, and Mr. Bill Lois
3. Bus drivers: Mrs. Marcy Lipstreuer and Mrs. Kim Napier
4. Administrators: Mrs. Patti Clements and Mr. Conrad Chaffee
5. School board member: Mr. Troy Bruley

Our recommendation:

Car and bus entrances need to be changed to enter or exit only.

1. North entrance needs only to be enter only.
2. Middle opening needs to be exit only.
3. South opening will remain the same, exit for buses.
4. Remove some of the grass strip between entrance and north lot. This will help cars access the north lot.

Rationale:

1. These restrictions will create a safer traffic-flow pattern for cars and buses. It eliminates cars from entering and exiting the same area.

Buses should load/unload at the front of the school. They should line up, single file, next to the sidewalk.

Rationale:

1. This is the recommendation of insurance safety advisor.
2. The committee feels this is the safest spot for the students.
3. The buses should line up single file to avoid students walking between the buses.
4. It eases weather concerns, especially helping small children and injured students on crutches.
5. The elementary teachers can still walk all their students to the buses, increasing safety.
6. Buses late from field trips and St. Als can easily get into a place. St. Als students can easily transfer from one bus to the next.



Parents providing their own transportation for their students will use the north lot. The cars will enter and loop through the lot. The cars can then pass the buses on the left to exit.

Rationale:

1. Parents must sign student out or be identified before student is picked up.
2. Students can exit parent's car on school side and go directly into school.
3. Easy flow pattern for students walking to their classrooms.
4. Allows students to enter/exit school with-out walking through other traffic.
5. Elementary teachers can drop off pick-up kids at pick-up station when they walk their classes down to the buses at the end of the school day.

Suggested changes to parking lot.

1. Entrance and Exit only signs needed to inform all drivers.
2. Pick-up/drop-off signs needed for parents who occasionally come to the school.
3. Remove some of the parking spaces in the north lot during the school day. This allows drivers better vision of lot and easier access. Open the parking spaces up during afterschool events.
4. Make north lot more accessible with removal of some of the grass strip between it and the entrance.
5. Install speed bumps in front of school to help slow cars down as they go by buses.
6. Paint arrows and words on pavement to inform people of directions.

Other thoughts:

1. This plan increases the safety of the students by teachers taking the students to the buses and parents signing students out.
2. Changes need to be communicated to the parents in a very effective manner.
3. The effectiveness of the plan should be reviewed after installation.
4. The changes are a low financial cost to the district.