

Dear Parents,

Monument Academy carline is one of the best around! I can say that from the bottom of my heart having done carline at five previous schools ranging from elementary to highschool. Our staff are fast, efficient, and always smiling and loving the kids. Our kids' safety and wellbeing is their top priority.

Going into my fourth year at MA, and experiencing pickup for both elementary and middle school, I can tell you there are several nuances that will make your (and everyone's) experience run much more smoothly. If you can make the new parent meeting, usually held just before the school year starts, you'll have an opportunity to hear about and discuss all things carline. Even so, there is so much to remember at the beginning of the year! New parents and experienced parents alike often need a supplement refresher, especially for the afternoon pickup process.

This summary is volunteer parent made. It is based off of years of experience and is educational, but does not carry authority. Please extend grace and ask questions! Please take the time to read through all of this. Knowing how the other sections flow will help you also! Finally, please know that the school, PTO, and myself do not have any authority over the streets and highway surrounding our school. As drivers you are each vital to our schools safety and you each assume the risks associated with your driving choices.

-Kim Stoltenberg

PreSchool

- Afternoon pick up line runs from 2:35-3:00 for Preschool Level 1 PM and Level 2 pick up
- Once the elementary line is backed up come in on the bank side entrance. You may pass the elementary line (if it has not started moving yet) and u turn so that you are on curb side and can pick up by the front doors.
- Note that for drop off you do not u turn from the bank side entrance, but come in the church entrance. During AM Pre-K drop off middle school and elementary carpool is already moving so you cannot u turn.
- Be sure to have your pick up sign visible in your front dash. I believe Pre-K has some printed for you to fill in.

Elementary

- Starts loading at about 3:10.
- Please have your pick up sign visible in your front dash. These are homemade. It should include your family last name and student grade levels (ie: Smith - K,3,5) and be in a font large enough to read from a distance.
- Curbside (also known as sidewalk side)
 - Two lanes run curbside (curbside is from the church entrance towards the bank exit). Please use BOTH lanes as soon as the split starts on the east side of the building as you curve towards the front of the building. Staff walk kids to the cars. Every lane is a safe option. Using both lanes greatly increases efficiency.
 - Curbside kids wait in areas designated by grade level (painted boxes) and are monitored by staff. Older siblings should go to the youngest sibling's box to wait for pick up.
 - Once your child/children is/are loaded, please use a thumbs up or left turn blinker to signal that you are ready to leave so staff can direct traffic and get you out safely and efficiently.
 - The curbside pick up line typically backs up onto 105. Please take turns entering from both directions. Please allow room for those parked in the parking lot to exit. Note that the

school, PTO, and myself do not have any authority over 105 nor can we approve or direct what drivers do on a public highway. Drivers line up on 105 at their own risk.

- Crosswalk side
 - One lane runs on crosswalk side (running from the bank entrance to the church exit).
 - Begins at the “carpool starts here” sign on the west side of the campus. This allows room for Pre-K pick up. The line pulls forward to the main entrance at about 3:05 when signaled to by staff, then all the way forward to crosswalk at about 3:10.
 - Kids cross at the crosswalk only. Do not call them across from your car.
 - Be sure your kid knows they are being picked up on crosswalk side to expedite pick up. All crosswalk kids wait in a central area by the crosswalk and are monitored by staff.
 - Cars that are stopped with double blinkers on are middle school parents. You may pass them to pull forward if there is space to do so.
 - When exiting from the church parking lot, you may only turn right!
- Parking
 - Again, the school, PTO, and myself do not have any authority over 105 nor can we approve what drivers do on a public highway. As a fellow parent, I do strongly suggest that you DO NOT pass the lines on 105 and turn in front of them to get into the church parking lot even if you are just parking and walking to the school. Other options are to either arrive before the line has backed up onto 105, or park in the field to the west of the eye doctor's office. MA has leased that field for our use. If carpool has not started moving yet (usually before 3pm-ish), a third option is to also enter on the bank side and drive past the school up to the church lot. Please drive slowly and cautiously as preschool starts pickup earlier. Again, the school, PTO, and myself cannot direct driver choices on a highway. Drivers are responsible for their decisions to line up or not and to turn off 105 or not and assume the risk of their choices.
 - DO NOT EVER use the parking at L.A.S.E.R., the eye doctor's office, or the bank for MA parking
 - When parking in the upper lot (east of the school), you may use the church parking lot. The church has asked that we do not park in spots adjacent to their building to allow for their staff and classes during the week
 - DO NOT ABSOLUTELY EVER park in the carpool line. If you are here during school hours, you must move your vehicle before carpool starts! Admin would like all vehicles moved by 2pm.
- Walker Passes
 - Walker passes must be approved for any kid to walk off campus. This includes walking to the church property.
 - Walker passes are only available for grades 3rd and up, with some exceptions for kids accompanied by older siblings. Those exceptions should be worked out with Mr. Richardson.

Middle School

- Same as Elementary with the following differences..
 - Starts running at 3:20

- The second lane on the curbside closes and is used bidirectional as directed by staff.
- If you have both elementary and MS to pick up, you can pick up both at MS time. The elementary students will wait in their designated area (grade level square or crosswalk side area) with staff supervision, and MS students should join the younger sibling(s)
- Crosswalk side: Try not to arrive before 3:10, and keep back behind the elementary line. If you arrive before 3:10, consider pulling out of the way entirely by pulling into the dirt lot to wait. Use your double blinkers so elementary parents know to pass you. Try to pull forward enough to not back traffic back to where the road curves by the bank. Try to stay back enough to allow elementary parents ample room to pull into their line. It is a balancing act. You can usually enter the elementary line around 3:18, but may need to give more time the first couple of weeks. Note that the occasional parent will arrive early and sit back not pulling forward. They may have gotten a last minute text from their student saying they were going to talk to a teacher or who knows what. If the middle school line is moving and they are not, feel free to kindly pass them. If you get passed, don't be upset. Reading this is confusing enough. You can imagine how confusing it is for drivers to judge when to wait and when to pull forward!
- Curbside: There is no good place to wait without blocking elementary traffic. Please do not arrive early in curbside.
- For both sides, once your child/children is/are loaded, please use a thumbs up or left turn blinker to signal that you are ready to leave so staff can direct traffic in the middle lane and get you out safely and efficiently.

Fridays

- All the above mentioned times move back by 3 hours.
- Half Day Kindergarten dismisses at 11:45. Full Day Kindergarten dismisses with Elementary like usual.
- Many MS students have extra things to bring home for the weekend (like picking up band instruments from the portables). Please allow a little extra time for the MS students to get out of the door.

Considerations

- The first two weeks are a bit crazy. Give yourself extra time. Be patient with all the parents around you. Everyone is figuring out their rhythm and the do's and don'ts. The initial chaos WILL improve. Our carpool lane runs very smoothly and quickly once everyone finds their flow.
- People will be passing people, especially on the crosswalk side. Try to trust that they aren't trying to cut. PreSchool passes Elementary as long as there is room. Parent's with reserved spots pass lines to get to their spots as long as the line hasn't started moving yet. Elementary passes Middle School. Middle School is a fluid messy mix of parent trying to move forward while leaving room for those last minute Elementary parents and parents trying to hold back knowing their middle schooler tends to get out the door later than others.
- DO NOT ABSOLUTELY EVER park in the carpool line. If you are here during school hours, you must move your vehicle before carpool starts! Admin would like all vehicles moved by 2pm.
- Do not call out to your student. This results in unsafe situations where kids dart out to get to you. Staff will direct cars and students and radio to each other to get students moved as efficiently as possible.
- Stay off your phone while in the carpool lines!

- Inclement weather can change a lot of things. When necessary, kids will be held inside to await pick up. As parents pull forward, staff will radio to teachers to send kids out. This makes everything take a little longer, but it keeps our kids safe and cozy when it isn't safe to be outdoors (thunderstorms, hail, snow, etc)
- Traffic flow images, times, and FAQs can be found on the MA web page under the parent tab.
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