

ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARKING LOT EXPECTATIONS

<u>Click here for a map / plan</u> of the parking lot with an explanation of the features below:

<u>1</u>-Two-lane entrance. Right lane for student drop-off and pick up. Left lane for staff parking, accessible parking and gravel lot. This is not an exit.

<u>2</u> - Pick up and drop off zone along yellow-painted curb and sidewalk. This is a no parking zone so please do not leave your vehicle. There should be ample space for a thru-lane with cars waiting at the curb. *This pick up / drop off zone seems underutilized. Make a plan for your child to walk to this area for pick up.*

<u>3</u>- Visitor Parking. There are 8 stalls for parent/visitor parking. These <u>shouldn't</u> be used for pick-up and dropoff. *The entire premise of the parking lot redesign is to make it safer for students not having to cross into traffic. By parking / waiting in the visitor parking stalls, you are making your child cross into traffic and are snarling the flow of traffic when pulling / backing out.*

<u>4</u> - Bus Entry Only Zone. Cars should <u>never</u> use this lane during peak pedestrian times before and after school

<u>5</u> - Pick up and drop off zone along peninsula sidewalk. This is a no parking zone so please do not leave your vehicle. First car in goes to the very front and cars should move forward as spaces clear. Ideally, cars enter from the start of the zone. *If this area is full, please circle around and return.* <u>Please do not block entrance and others behind you by waiting for a spot to clear in the pick up / drop off area – Circle around and return.</u>

<u>6</u>- Cars should not be entering this area unless using staff parking, accessible parking stall or gravel parking lot. *This is* <u>not</u> a student pick up or drop off area.

 $\underline{7}$ - There is no stopping along this sidewalk. The thru-lane is too narrow. Please do not pick up or drop-off students along here as traffic will be blocked.

 $\underline{\mathbf{8}}$ - The gravel lot can be used by staff and visitors staying beyond arrival and dismissal. *This is* <u>**not**</u> *a student pick up or drop off area.*

9 - One-way exit onto Willemar or laneway. There is no parking in front of dumpsters

A few other things to consider:

- Space does not = parking spot. Just because by some stroke of luck there is space for your vehicle to be wedged into available space, doesn't mean you should park there. There is probably a very good traffic flow reason why that space is not a parking spot.
- There is student supervision in front of the school until 2:45. It is always significantly less busy in the parking lot at 2:38 so please consider picking up your child a few minutes after the mad 2:30 rush.
- If the pick up / drop off areas are full, please circle out and return. It will likely be less congested on the second go around.
- Parking in the neighborhood is always available. 4th Avenue, Woods, the east side of Willemar and Embleton all allow parking and are within easy walking distance of the school.