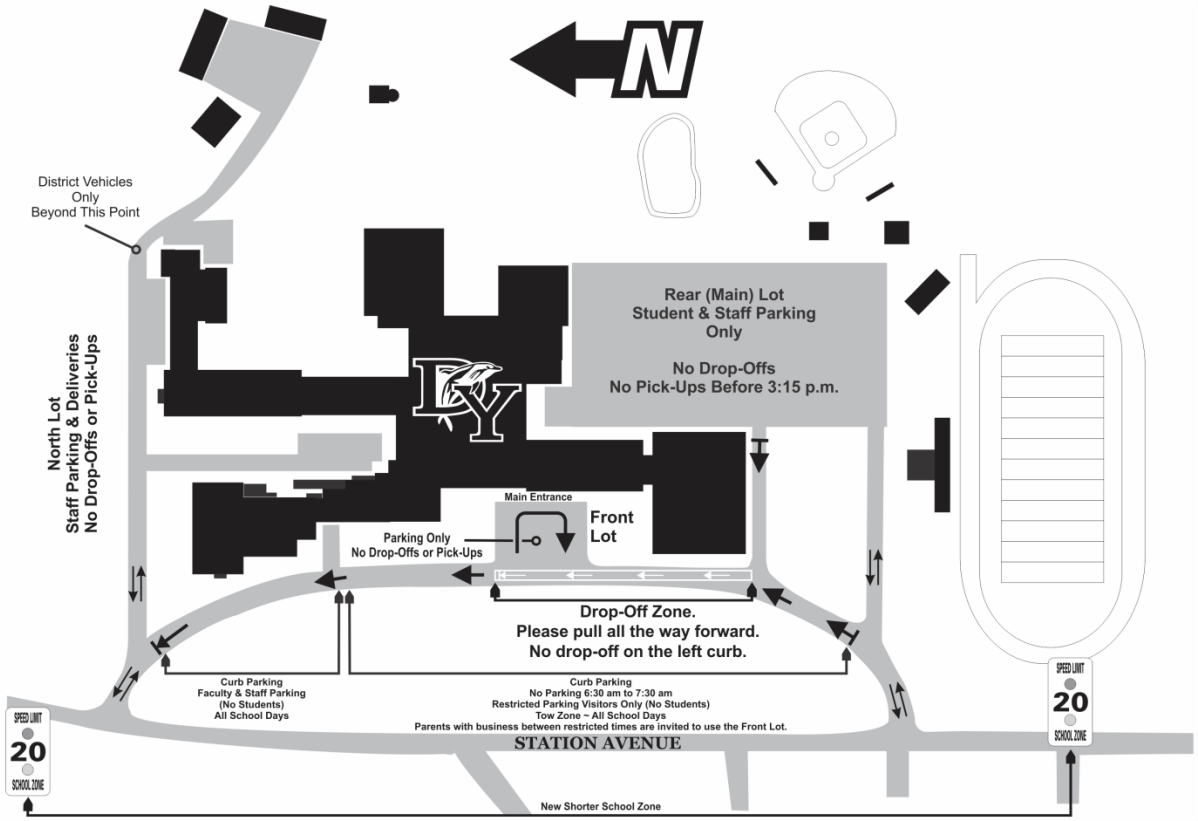

PARENT & VISITOR PARKING

- Everyone visiting D-Y is expected to use a marked parking space and observe posted parking regulations.
- Parking along the left curb of the front driveway and front parking lot is restricted to visitors on all school days. Students are never allowed to park out front during school.
- Please note that there is **NO PARKING** along the curb between **6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.** to accommodate drop-off traffic. Parents with appointments or other business during that time are invited to use the front parking lot. We save a few spaces for you. This area is a **ONE WAY**. The pattern flows in a clockwise manner. Enter at the second right. See Front Lot on the map above.

QUESTIONS

Contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

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TRAFFIC PATTERNS

Important information for people dropping off and picking up students at D-Y High School

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D-Y Administration
D-Y Police Services Unit
D-Y School District Facilities Division
Yarmouth Department of Public Works - Highway Division
Yarmouth Police Department - Patrol Division

Working Together to Make Your Commute Safer and Smoother

MORE TRAFFIC

Some people find the morning drop-off traffic at and around Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School to be challenging. D-Y welcomes about 1,000 students, faculty and support staff every morning. It is without argument the busiest place in town on any given day. With the addition of the District's 8th graders to D-Y High School a few years ago we experienced a corresponding increase in morning drop-off traffic. More students = more drop-offs. The Police Detachment at D-Y High School with the support of the D-Y School District Facilities Division, the Yarmouth Department of Public Works and the Patrol Division of the Yarmouth Police Department together took several steps to mitigate potential delays caused by the additional traffic. Our goal is to make the drop-off process at the high school as safe and efficient as possible so as to minimize delays in the Station Avenue corridor for all motorists. Here is what we did:

- **Shortened School Zone**. The 20 MPH speed zone in front of the high school has been shortened by installing a new set of warning lights separating the high school zone from the elementary school zone just up the street.
- **Clearly Marked Drop-off Zone**. The drop-off zone in front of the high school is marked by a green and white striped 'runway' at the front of the building, along with conventional signage to clearly denote a drop-off zone that will accommodate twelve to fifteen cars at once.
- School bus traffic that previously dropped-off and picked-up at the front of the building has been moved to the BusPort at the rear of the building to make more room for parent pick-up and drop-off out front.
- This **Flyer** mailed home with student schedules and made available on-line at www.DYPD.us and other places.
- As always, most mornings the School Resource Officer will be out front to greet and assist you.

DROP-OFFS

- All drop-offs and pick-ups are done at the front of the building before, during and at the end of the school day. Drop-offs at the north end of the building (nearest the elementary school) and at the rear of the building are prohibited.
- Drivers should proceed all the way to the end of the marked drop-off zone when delivering their passengers if there is no motorist in front of you and especially if there are cars behind you. Using the whole zone will maximize the number of vehicles that can unload at one time.
- As many as ten to fifteen cars can unload at a time if the entire drop-off lane is utilized.
- Stopping at the crosswalk, directly in front of the main entrance or at the corner delays the people behind you unnecessarily and prevents unloading the maximum number of vehicles. It also creates a "drive-up window" dynamic leading to one drop-off at a time.
- Avoid leaving large gaps between your car and the vehicle in front of you.
- Stay inside the drop-off lane to allow through traffic to pass on the left.
- When your line of traffic stops inside the drop-off zone have your passenger(s) exit your vehicle wherever you maybe in the line.
- It's OK to allow your student to drive to school on his or her learners permit. Resist the temptation to come up with your own spot to change seats; it can be safely done in the drop-off zone. Just be attentive and cautious when getting out of the car during the switch over and remember that your fellow motorists appreciate your efficiency.
- On days of inclement weather you need to leave home a little earlier. Bad weather can create a *dramatic* increase in the number of students being dropped off; the worse the weather the more cars at the drop-off, the more time you should allow.
- Turning into the main entrance circle for drop-off or pick-up is prohibited. This area is for parking. It is also a primary emergency vehicle access and as such must remain clear and passable at all times.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

KEEP THINGS MOVING SAFELY & SMOOTHLY

- Pack your passenger's gear in such a way that it is easy to gather and ready to carry from the vehicle.
- Have that important conversation, sign permission slips and other notes, supply lunch money or other essentials at home or on the way to school. Waiting until you stop in the drop-off area to do these things will create delays for those behind you.
- Please make sure your full attention is on your driving while in the School Zone and make sure to check your mirrors before you pull away from the drop-off zone.
- Never unload your passenger(s) at the left curb. Doing this will require your passenger to cross the bulk of the drop-off traffic. This is an unsafe practice and creates an unnecessary hazard.
- Be patient, activity in the drop-off area is occasionally hectic as people learn the pattern or drop-off for the first time.

PICK-UPS

- All parent pick-ups are done at the front of the building. The rear parking lot is reserved for busses, students, faculty and staff until 3:15 p.m.
- Please use the left curb parking spaces first if they are available.
- Live parking (driver in the vehicle) is permissible in the fire lane during pick-up time and only for overflow. Regular parking is not (ever).
- Please make sure your vehicle is not more than 12 inches from the curb on whichever side of the driveway you are parked to allow through traffic to pass. Being inside the parking space markings along the left curb does not put you in compliance with this regulation.
- When live parking in the fire lane you must go past the front entrance to the next intersecting driveway to make room for cars coming in behind you. Otherwise the south driveway may become blocked, delaying bus departure and possibly create other hazards on Station Avenue.