

Getting Your Child To & From School

Breakfast begins at 8:30 A.M. in the cafeteria.

Adult supervision begins at 8:50 A.M.

To insure continuity and maximum advantage of our school program, students must attend school each day, and be on time for school so they don't miss the important morning procedures which set them up for a successful day.



Bus Students:

will be dropped off at the front of the building and proceed directly into school, accompanied by staff members.

Walkers:

will enter the back playground from Wilton Street, Cashman Road gate or the side driveway of the School.

Drop-off and Parking:

Students dropped off by car may be dropped off at the surrounding streets - Wilton Street, Cashman Road, and at the side driveway of the school, and walk to the back school yard.

All regular school personnel will park in the Wilton Street parking lot. For the safety of the students, no one is allowed to enter and turn around in that lot.

Parking for Passos Avante Pre-school will be in the Cashman Road lot.

If a parent is planning on leaving his or her car for any amount of time, that parent must park on the side streets.



Where Students Line Up:

Students will line up by grade and be escorted into school by a staff member when the bell rings.

Dismissal Schedule:

All walkers will be dismissed from the green doors in the back of the school.

- Kindergarten and Grade 1 will exit the Wilton Street door.
- Grades 3, 4, and 5 will exit the Cashman Street Back door.

No walkers will be dismissed out the gym doors.

Bus students and those students taking private transportation (Catholic Charities, Y.M.C.A., Karate bus, etc.) will be dismissed from the gym.

Parents parking to pick up their children must park on any of the surrounding side streets.

Reporting Absences:

Absences due to illness, religious holidays, death in the family or other serious reasons are, of course, understood. Notes signed by a parent or guardian explaining all absences, tardiness or change of routine (such as a bus student walking, etc.) are required and should be sent to the classroom teacher.

To report your child's absence, call **978-536-5961**, and state your full name, address, the child's full name, grade, room number or teacher.

School Cancellations:

Winter weather is the usual reason for a school closure. Cancellation of classes will be broadcast on [WBZ Channel 4](#), and [WHDH Channel 7](#).

Inclement Weather Criteria:

There is inclement weather in Peabody when it's:

- Below 30 degrees Fahrenheit
- Raining
- Snowing

The back door will be opened for student entry at 8:40 A.M. and walkers will be allowed into the cafeteria to wait for the opening bell of school. As school begins the students will line up and walk to class via the front kitchen staircase. Parents are kindly asked to exit through the back door by the office.

Homework



Homework extends and reinforces the work of the classroom teacher. Desirable homework habits start at school with thorough instruction and clear assignments and are supported by good study habits, for example, beginning work promptly, having the necessary materials on hand, and working in a comfortable atmosphere free from distraction. Independence in obtaining information and in analyzing situations objectively is the goal. Parents may help a child by providing a similar home atmosphere for homework purposes. A definite time and place will help establish a routine. Parental encouragement is always welcome. Checking work for errors and constructive criticism is always useful. However, at no time should a parent perform the work. Should there be any questions about homework assignments, a discussion between parent and teacher is recommended. The amount of homework assigned shall be gradually increased from grade to grade. The following schedule is a guide, for the "average" student, appropriate adjustments should be made for the "gifted" as well as for the "underachieving" students.

Grades 1-3: 15 minutes to 45 minutes

Grades 4-5: 45 minutes to 60 minutes

Teachers are aware that classes and individuals differ greatly in ability, study habits, and attitudes. To the extent possible, these differences are recognized in assigning homework.

In general:

- Homework shall be assigned at the discretion of the teacher. However, teachers of semi-departmentalized classes should periodically consult each other to avoid exceeding stated time limits (given above) on one or more nights per week.
- Assignments are in written form whenever appropriate.
- Knowledge of the assignment and of skills necessary to complete the assignment are checked before class is dismissed.
- Students are encouraged to use common materials, forms and procedures in submitting homework. Work is expected to be neat, clean and legible.
- Teachers are expected to collect and check each assignment, reviewing errors, recording results, etc.