



## Business Office

### Parking and Driving Policies

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Middlesex is a wonderful campus planned at the turn-of-the-twentieth-century by noted landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted's firm, and we do our best to take great care of our home. No one in Olmsted's era could have foreseen the changes that cars and trucks would make to our landscapes, and indeed, no one could envision that car traffic would become as intense on campus as it has become, particularly as we continue to work on old buildings and transform them into great new spaces for life and work. To that end, we ask that you observe the following guidelines about pick up/drop off, driving and parking. All are designed for the safety of drivers and pedestrians on campus.

#### **Pick-Up/Drop-Off:**

The north entrance to the School on Lowell Road by the Acorn Houses, marked "Athletics", allows easy access for student drop-off and pick-up. **The "Acorn Lot" remains where all Middlesex commuting students will park for the 2019-2020 academic year. The entrance to this lot is clearly marked by signage, and the lot has good lighting. The former Day Student Parking lot behind the Atkins Cage is reserved for faculty and staff parking ONLY.**

**In the morning, during the school day, and in the late afternoon after practices, we request that all parents use the Acorn Lot and the designated drop-off area at the squash court entrance to the Athletic Center. This practice will minimize traffic on the core campus. As always, please do not drop off in front of Eliot Hall, Ware Hall, or any dormitory in the morning.**

In the evening (particularly after dark), day students may be picked up on the Circle in front of Eliot Hall or Ware Hall, but please only enter via the north entrance.

#### **Student Parking:**

All day student drivers should enter the School grounds via the north gate and park in the Acorn Lot (noted above). This lot is used by students, visitors and some faculty and staff, and thus we ask that everyone be careful and respectful in their driving and parking techniques. Pedestrians will exit the Acorn lot via the pathway between Kravis House and the Athletic Center. Students awaiting pickup may wait by the squash court entrance to the Athletic Center or, in the event of inclement weather, in the lobby inside that entrance. Again, in the evening, day students may be picked up on the Circle.

#### **Driving:**

For the safety of our community, please minimize the traffic on the Circle and use the parking lots as designated for everyday business and sporting events. We need to keep the main driveway and Circle open at all times for emergency vehicle access as required by state law, and we have several thousand visiting families during the admissions months who don't know the campus as we do. During major School events, auxiliary parking areas will be in use and will be clearly marked. Please also note that the East Fields complex is not open to vehicle traffic and that parking along Lowell Road is prohibited.

All schools have their traffic idiosyncrasies, and we greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation on this front. We have a wonderful campus that is freely enjoyed by many people and home to students, faculty, many young faculty children, and faculty dogs. To preserve that beauty and to keep everyone safe, we would appreciate everyone's help.

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