

Start-of-School-Year Traffic Safety Information, KOES 2026-2027

Student safety around our school is a shared responsibility. Please review this information before the first day of school and follow the school-specific traffic flow plan below.



KOOTENAY ORCHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARKING & TRAFFIC GUIDE



RED – NO PARKING

Please no parking in the staff parking lot, the bus loop or the "no parking zone" on 20th Ave.



ORANGE – BUSY TRAFFIC AREA

No sidewalk – proceed with extreme caution to the crosswalk.



GREEN – PARKING AREA

Parking along 13th St S, 20th Ave S and access through the trails in the field.



BLUE – WALKING PATHS

Pedestrian access routes.



YELLOW – CROSSWALK

Drivers use caution, do not park near to obstruct view.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE!

Please be patient, respectful and drive carefully.

Key school-specific logistics

- Morning drop-off: 8:20 am - 8:40am
- All students that arrive after 8:40 am must report to the office.
- Afternoon pick-up: 2:55pm
- Bus loading zone: Sidewalk in red and black zone
- Visitor parking: Along 20th ave S, 11th Street S
- Accessible parking for designated students and visitors with handicap parking signage only.
- Parents are encouraged to meet students on school grounds and walk students to their vehicle.

Traffic flow reminders

- NO STUDENTS IN STAFF PARKING LOT AT ALL TIMES.
- NO STUDENT DROP OFF IN STAFF PARKING LOT AT ALL TIMES.
- Students are discouraged from accessing the school grounds through the staff parking lot.
- Do not stop in crosswalks, bus zones or fire lanes.
- Be respectful of neighbours by not parking in driveways or blocking driveways.



Parent and Driver Safety Expectations

Please review with your family before the first day of school. These expectations help keep students, families, staff, and neighbours safe during the busiest parts of the school day. Please allow extra time, drive slowly, and model calm and courteous behaviour.

Area	Expectations for Parents, Guardians, Students, and Drivers
Biking and Scooters	• No biking or scooting on school grounds. • All bikes and scooters are to be parked and locked at bike racks on school grounds. • Children under the age of 16 years old must follow BC E-scooter/ E-Bike regulations (they cannot ride scooters or bikes that go faster than 25 km/hour) and therefore are not permitted on elementary school property. • Helmet must be worn when biking or scooting.
School-zone driving	• Follow the posted school-zone speed limit and slow down further when children are present. • Yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and obey school staff. • Do not pass vehicles stopped for pedestrians or students.
Parking	• Park only where permitted and observe posted time limits. • Do not enter bus zones, park in no-stopping areas, no-parking areas, driveways, lanes, or neighbouring private property. • Do not park on or within 6 meters of crosswalks. • Keep intersections and sightlines clear so students can be seen by drivers.
School Bus rules when lights are flashing	• When a school bus has flashing red lights activated, stop and remain stopped until the lights are off and the bus begins to move. • Give buses extra space and never pull into or stop in the bus loading area. • Students should wait well back from the curb and board only when directed by the bus driver.
Walking and pedestrian safety	• Use sidewalks, marked crosswalks, and designated walking routes whenever possible. • Look both ways, make eye contact with drivers, and wait until vehicles have stopped before crossing. • Cross only at marked or supervised locations; avoid crossing between parked vehicles. • Use extra care in poor weather, low light, or icy conditions; bright or reflective clothing is recommended. • Crosswalks must be kept clear. Do not stop, stand, or park on a crosswalk or within 6 metres of the approach side of a crosswalk. This keeps sightlines clear so students and drivers can see each other.

Who to Contact With Concerns

Concern	Primary Contact
School pick-up / drop-off procedures, parent questions	Carissa Hart, Principal 250-426-8551 carissa.hart@sd5.bc.ca
Traffic enforcement or recurring unsafe driving concerns	Cranbrook RCMP 250-489-3471
Immediate danger or emergency	Call 9-1-1

**Thank you for helping to keep our
school community safe!**