

Battlefield High School
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TO: Battlefield High School Families
FROM: J. Buzzi, SSO
DATE: August 7, 2023
RE: Safety and Traffic Improvements for 2023-24 School Year

Over this past summer, Battlefield High School staff has worked diligently to mitigate the challenges numerous parents, staff, and students face traveling to and from BHS. During the '22-'23 school year, we instituted the afternoon "Bus Express Lane" which removed the need for buses to merge with all BHS traffic and resulted in clearing BHS parking Lots 10-15 minutes earlier each day. Utilizing the positive results of that minor adjustment, we instituted a more comprehensive and expansive adjustment to the current BHS traffic patterns and practices. These new patterns will also help direct students to the proper entrances equipped with the new advanced detection equipment ("metal detectors").

The *driving* concept behind the improvement of safety and traffic, both in the mornings and afternoons, is the ***separation of the three types of drivers that utilize BHS roads***, i.e., buses, student drop-off, and students/staff transit. Through the clear demarcation of lanes and minimizing the requirement to merge, the new traffic pattern will improve throughput, ease congestion, and funnel the resulting foot traffic through the doors designated as locations for the advanced detection equipment.

**1. Student Drop-off (Kiss & Ride)
(AM)**

- The new exit path utilizes a separate route through the new Teachers' Lot. This separates the main body of student drop-off traffic from the buses and staff/student traffic.

(PM)

- After school Student Pick up location will move slightly to the open area of the new South Lot. It will be marked by traffic cones and signage clearly indicating where students can be safely picked up.

2. Student Parking (AM & PM)

- Student traffic to the North and South Student Lots will not change routes.
- The old entrance to the Upper or "Senior" Lot will be closed during all school hours.
- Access to and egress from the Upper or "Senior" Lot" will be accomplished through the gate closest to the BHS exit and Graduation Dr.