

Abess Park Elementary

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ABESS PARK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2023-2024 Arrival/ Dismissal Procedures for Abess Park Students: Students that are **not** enrolled in Extended Day may arrive at 8:30 a.m. There is no supervision for students prior to 8:30 a.m. Therefore, parents will need to stay in their vehicle with student(s) until the doors open at 8:30 a.m. Please provide a dismissal plan in writing for your student, including any changes throughout the school year. Last-minute changes are not guaranteed and require a phone call (904-220-1260) and an email to verify the change. Dismissal begins at 3:20 p.m.

Early Dismissal begins at 1:35 (8/30, 9/27, 10/25, 11/29, 12/13, 1/31, 2/28, 3/13, 4/24)

Last week of school Half Day Dismissal begins at 12:20 (5/28, 5/29, 5/30, 5/31- No P.M. Extended Day)

VPK/CSS PK Dismissal (required for all PK students unless enrolled in Extended Day):

Park in the overflow parking lot and follow staff directions, walk to the crosswalk, then walk safely to the VPK/CSS PK dismissal gate. Holding your child's hand, safely cross back to your vehicle via the crosswalk. All walkers and vehicles must yield to buses. Older siblings will meet families at the PK dismissal area for the family's convenience; this may create a slight delay. The car rider lane is for K-5th only; staff is not able to load or unload PK students from vehicles.

Bike Rider/Walker Dismissal Regular Weather Day:

Bike Riders and Walkers will have a staggered dismissal through the eastside gate. Bikers will be dismissed first to retrieve their bikes and head home, out of the way of walkers. Walkers will be dismissed second to keep a safe distance from the bike riders. All students riding bikes **must** wear a safety helmet. Families may meet students on the public sidewalk. *If the student is supposed to meet an adult off campus and the adult is not present, teach your student to return to the safety of campus to contact parents or guardians.

Bike Rider/Walker Dismissal Inclement Weather Day:

We encourage these students to be dismissed as car riders. However, if there is no other way of dismissal transportation, we will allow those students to travel home as a bike rider or walker when it is safe to do so.

Car Rider Dismissal:

Parents/guardians will remain in the car rider lane with their student dismissal tag displayed until the student is safely in the vehicle. Students will wait by grade level in the front lobby of the school. A staff member will announce to the student(s) and the parent/guardian which post (1-10) to stop for pick-up in front of the school. Stay in the right lane so vehicles may pass on the left; be cautious not to block the parking lot entrance while in line or leave your vehicle unattended. The car rider line begins forming on our campus at **3:15 or 1:30** on Early Dismissal. Park in an approved spot prior to these times. Any vehicle without a car rider tag must park and visit the office to show a valid picture ID and be listed on the child(ren)'s contact information.

Bus Rider Dismissal:

Students will be dismissed from the café to the bus loop as school buses arrive. Bus rider dismissal begins at 3:20/1:30 on Early Dismissal.

Extended Day Dismissal:

Extended Day students will be dismissed to the café for a snack at 3:30 p.m. Extended Day staff will meet students in the café. Parents will wait until 3:30/1:45 on Early Dismissal, to begin requesting students from Extended Day at the front lobby counter; please be respectful of car-rider dismissal.

Per DCPS policy, students will NOT be dismissed from the lobby between 2:45 and 3:30; 1:00-1:45 on Early Dismissal Wednesdays. Plan to pick up students before 2:45 or 1:00 on Early Dismissal Wednesdays. Students leaving early will miss instructional time.

**Any person picking up a student at dismissal or early check-out must be on the student's contact card, be 18 years of age and show a photo ID to ensure student safety. Any person arriving without a valid picture ID may not pick up a student from our school to ensure the safety of students. Thank you!

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