

The following includes important information regarding arrival and dismissal for all students—car, walkers, bike riders, and bus riders.

# ABES Car Riders



## **MORNING DROP OFF**

Car riders can be dropped off in the morning on the east side of the school or in the front loop.

During the **FIRST** week of school **ONLY**, we are asking that only parents with K or 1 children (and siblings), as well as children who are new to ABES use the front loop. All 2-5 students without young siblings should use the east side drop off. This will help our staff get students to class quickly and safely.

## **AFTERNOON PICK UP ALL**

**All car riders will receive TWO Apollo Beach car rider tags.** Write your child's name and grade level in large, dark letters and display the tag to assist with identification and the pick-up process.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY PROCEDURE: A car without the special Apollo Beach car rider tag will be sent to the main office to show identification for pick-up. This is for the safety of all students.**

Parents should remain in their car. Pull as far forward as possible, quickly pick up your child and exit the campus. Caution and patience will make this area safe and the process quick. The car line is typically over by 2:10 PM. Students should not be picked up in a car at the Bike Gate. (Please note that for the first week or two, the car line will be longer than 2:10. Please be patient while we get it working smoothly.)

Students who are not picked up by when the line is finished will be brought back to the main office. Parents will be required to come to the office to sign their child out after that time. Students who are not picked up by 2:30 PM will be escorted to our afterschool HOST program where parents will be required to register and pay for after school care services.

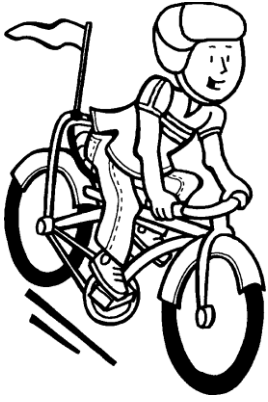


Please be patient the first two weeks as we get the car line running smoothly!

# ABES Bikers and Walkers

Students walking and riding their bike to and from school **MUST** follow the rules below for the safety of our students, families, and staff.

1. Students and parents that are walking or riding bikes to and from the front of the school are to use the cross walk at the corner of Dickman Road and Apollo Beach Boulevard. For safety reasons, students **MAY NOT** cross before 7:10 am.
2. Students and parents must follow the directions of the crossing guards stationed at the crosswalks. They are stationed at the crosswalks from 7:05 am until 7:45 am and 1:50 pm until 2:15 pm each day. Only cross when instructed to do so by the crossing guards. Parents with students crossing at unsupervised times cross at their own risk.



3. All students riding a bike must follow Florida State Law 316.2065 while operating their bicycle to and from school. **Helmets must be worn at all times.** Please be assured that ALL bikes will be kept in a secure location on campus during school hours.

4. On rainy days, it is at the discretion of administration as to whether the students will be released or held at school. In the event of severe weather (lightning, hail, tornado warnings, etc.), students WILL be held on campus until the weather passes or a parent comes to school for pick up.

We want to emphasize the importance of student and family safety, especially with our walkers and bike riders. It is each family's responsibility to instill the importance of safety and appropriate behavior for students as they travel to and from school. While Apollo Beach Elementary will ensure student and family safety ON our campus, we cannot control behavior and/or actions of others outside our campus. In the event of a non-emergency situation off campus, please contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (813)247-8200 FIRST to alert the proper authorities. As a courtesy, the school should be made aware of the situation as well.

**If you designate your child as a "walker", this means that he/she knows how to walk home from school. It is unsafe to have your child walk to a location along or off of Apollo Beach Boulevard to be picked up. Our school does not support this procedure. If your child cannot walk home, then you must get in the car line for pick up.**

## ABES Bus Riders

### PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING TRANSPORTATION STANDARDS:

- Students who live within two miles of a school (and do not face a state approved hazard), will not be eligible for bus transportation.
- Bus stops are for bus-eligible students only. Eligibility is determined based on the child's home address on record at the school.
- Parents may not send notes to school with approval for a student to ride a different bus to or from school with a friend
- Students will not be authorized to ride separate buses for shared custody divorce situations.
- If you have moved, please make sure to update your address with the school immediately.
- The transportation department will provide updated rosters to bus drivers daily. The bus drivers check off student names as they board the bus to provide an accurate accounting of riders.
- The teacher, as well as a staff member on duty at the bus, will check off students' names as they get on the bus.
- **Bus drivers have been instructed to return any kindergarten student to school if a parent, designated adult or older sibling is not present at the bus stop.**



### Bus Route

Information will be posted and/or sent to parents as soon as it is available.