

Video Cast REL Traffic 2019 2020

Welcome to a new school year at Robert E. Lee. This year looks to be the best ever, with many new and exciting opportunities for our students. Many changes will be taking place on our campus this year as a result of increased enrollment numbers. With these changes, come challenges related to our arrival and dismissal procedures, traffic flow, and daily schedules. As I share some of these changes with you today, I would like to assure you that Robert E. Lee continues to take pride in putting students first in every decision. Further, I would like to emphasize that when change becomes necessary, we are ever mindful that such changes should have a positive impact on the safety and welfare of our student body.

This year our Kindergarten group has expanded to include more than 125 students who will now be located directly across from the main campus at the REL Annex. This means that the annex will house roughly 150 kindergarten and pre-k students, requiring an additional carline. Parents who have students on both campuses should drop off students in the morning at the main campus first and then proceed to the annex carline.

The arrival and dismissal times for the REL main campus, kindergarten and Pre-K have been staggered to minimize traffic on Baker Road and to allow both campuses to share buses. The main campus will continue to follow a 7:30 – 2:45 daily schedule. Kindergarten will follow a 7:45 -2:30 schedule and Pre-K will follow an 8:00 – 3:00 schedule.

Buses will deliver students to the REL main campus first and then continue to the annex to drop off kindergarten bus students. Kindergarten students who wish to eat breakfast at school may unload at the main campus. Once breakfast is over, this group will be walked over to the annex from the REL cafeteria by teachers. Teachers will be on duty to monitor the arrival and dismissal process to ensure our newest Baby Gators unload at the correct location. Of course, kindergarten students may be taken **directly** to the Lee Annex by car. In the afternoon, buses will pick up kindergarten students first and continue immediately to the REL main campus, where students will be lined up and ready to board buses.

Pre-K parents will continue to park and walk students to class during morning arrival and will pick them up in the annex carline. Kindergarten parents may walk their children to class at 7:45 during **the first week of school**. Parking will be available for our kindergarten parents between 7:45-8:00 and for our Pre-K parents between 8:00-8:15. If possible bring all supplies during Meet the Teacher to prevent delays on the first day of school.

This video cast along with arrival & dismissal maps and instructions will be posted on our FB page, the REL website and the district website. Please review the arrival and dismissal maps and instructions before the first day of school on Thursday, August 8th to gain a better understanding of the changes impacting our carline(s) and bus transportation during arrival and dismissal.

Of course, as with any change, the first couple of weeks may present challenges and we know we can count on your support as always to join with us in putting student safety first!

Thank you for support during this transitional period and Go Gators!