

# Parking & Transportation

Bertschi School values its role in its local neighborhood and is committed to collaborating with its neighbors to limit the school community's impact in areas such as parking and traffic volume. Accordingly, the school requests that parents behave courteously to neighbors at all times and abide by the following parking and transportation policy.

## Parking At Bertschi

Bertschi School's parking lot on 10th Ave. E. has limited parking spaces and will be closed during drop-off from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and at pick-up from 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. to ensure the safety of students, families, and staff. When entering the school parking lot at other times of the day please enter from the north on 10th Ave. E. Additionally, always exit the parking lot to the south on 10th Ave. E.

## Parking Around Bertschi

When school parking spaces are unavailable, parents are encouraged to park on 10th Ave. E. where possible. If not:

- Spread out –Park several blocks away from the school; spread the parking throughout the neighborhood.
- Obey all City of Seattle parking laws –Ensure parking clearance distances:
  - 20 feet from a crosswalk
  - 30 feet from a stop sign
  - 15 feet from a hydrant
  - 5 feet from a driveway
- Do not park in the bus zone, on planting strips, or in designated disabled parking spaces (without a permit).
- Do not double park.
- Behave considerately to neighbors and Bertschi families and staff at all times.
- Use Seattle Preparatory School garage for larger school events –In order to provide off street parking for larger school events, Bertschi School has an arrangement with Seattle Preparatory School to use its parking garage at 2400 11th Ave. E. Parents will be notified when the garage is available for parking for these events.

## Transportation Alternatives

As part of our commitment to sustainability, Bertschi School encourages all families to carpool, use Metro transportation, bicycle, or walk to school.

- Find Bertschi families that live near you with the carpool map, available on the school's website by logging in at [bertschi.org/portal/carpool-map](https://bertschi.org/portal/carpool-map).
- Metro has an easy trip planner for taking the bus to school, available online at: [tripplanner.kingcounty.gov](https://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov).
- Information regarding buses and schedules is also available in the main office.
- There is a bike rack in the school parking lot on 10th Ave. E. for bicyclists.

**Carpool Parking Zone:** From 2:30–3:15 p.m. during pick-up each day, the curbside on 10th Ave. E. in front of the Bertschi parking lot will be reserved for carpooling vehicles only. The carpool pick-up zone is reserved for two or more families traveling in one vehicle. If you are not a carpool, please do not use this area to park. The Carpool Parking Zone is first come, first served, and will be clearly marked by signs.

## Travel Planning

Please also consider the following as you plan your daily commute:

- When walking to the school from the east side of 10th Avenue, families are strongly encouraged to only cross at the 10th Avenue and E. Boston Street crosswalk, which has a stop light and a crossing guard during drop-off and pick-up times. Crossing at the E. Lynn Street crosswalk is discouraged due to safety concerns over traffic congestion and the lack of a traffic light or guard.
- Due to traffic congestion at morning drop-off, driving on E. Lynn St. between Harvard Ave. E. and 10th Ave. E. is discouraged. Parents are asked to use E. Miller St. to access 10th Ave. E.
- Give yourself ten extra minutes at drop-off and pick-up to avoid the potential rush and crowds.