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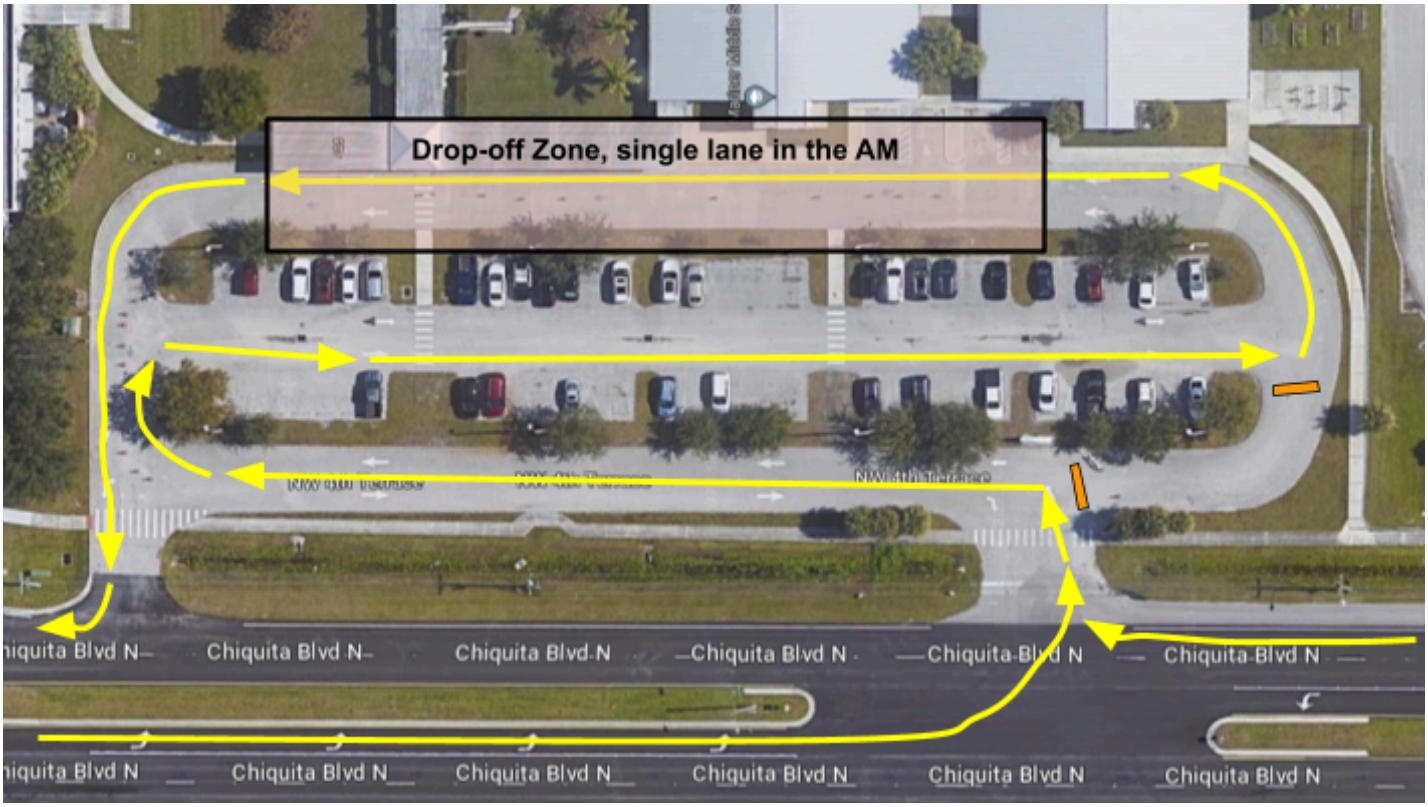
Morning Drop-Off

Morning dropoff is fairly uneventful at Mariner, with the dropoff line building around 8:45 and continuing through about 9:30. The line seems to build prior to 9:00, empty out, and then build again around 9:35. The 9:20-9:25 period has been relatively quiet in the past.

Cars come onto campus at our southern entry in a single line and maintain that single line all the way to the drop-off zone. **Students may not wait for the early bell unsupervised, so students must remain in cars until the 9:20 early bell or the ready signal from a Mariner drop-off supervisor.** If you must drop your child off earlier than 9:20, please consider our morning care program. Details are available on our website or by calling the school.

When you reach the drop-off zone, please pull as far forward as you can. This allows us to maximize the number of cars in the drop-off zone. Please do be patient as students unload, particularly in these first couple of weeks! It's a new procedure for many.



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Afternoon Pick-up

Parent pick-up is a particularly busy time at the school. Several hundred walkers, bikers, and car-riders exit the building at the same time, so managing a crowd of teens and tweens alongside a line of moving cars is very important.

The car-line moves quickly. Once our new parents are familiar with pickup, the car line is generally finished by ~~4:20-4:25~~ 4:35-4:40. (Update 2025-09-22: We all didn't get slower, and parents are doing a great job, but we noticed that these times referenced the 4:00 dismissal time, not the new 4:15 dismissal time for 2025-2026.)

The public library is NOT appropriate for student pickup. The library's parking layout does not provide an effective flow and safety concerns arise every year. Please pick your student up at the school.

Parent Pick-up Guidelines:

- Remind your child(ren) to actively monitor the car line for your car once they are outside.
- Form a double line upon entering the school parking lot (see diagram on back).
- The loading zone is the length of the awning up to disabled parking. Staff will direct how far back students can load.
    a. Always pull forward as far up to the front as possible.
    b. Never stop in the middle of the loading zone when loading space is available in front of you. **Your child must walk to the front until the loading zone is full**.
- For the safety of your children, the loading zone is directed by the staff. Once students are loaded, cars are directed by staff at the front to leave at one time. For student safety, only one side of the double line can leave at a time. Please do not change lanes. Please watch for crossing children at all times.
- Students may only load in the parent pick-up line; they may **NOT** load in the parking lot, on Chiquita Boulevard, or the public library.
- During inclement weather, parent pick-up will form a *single* line against the sidewalk in the loading zone. We will only load students under the awning during heavy rain. Please be patient if there is lightning. Safety is our priority, and lightning storms often delay dismissal.
- We understand your time is important. By following the procedures and encouraging your child to pay attention to the line, we will be able to get you out quickly and safely.

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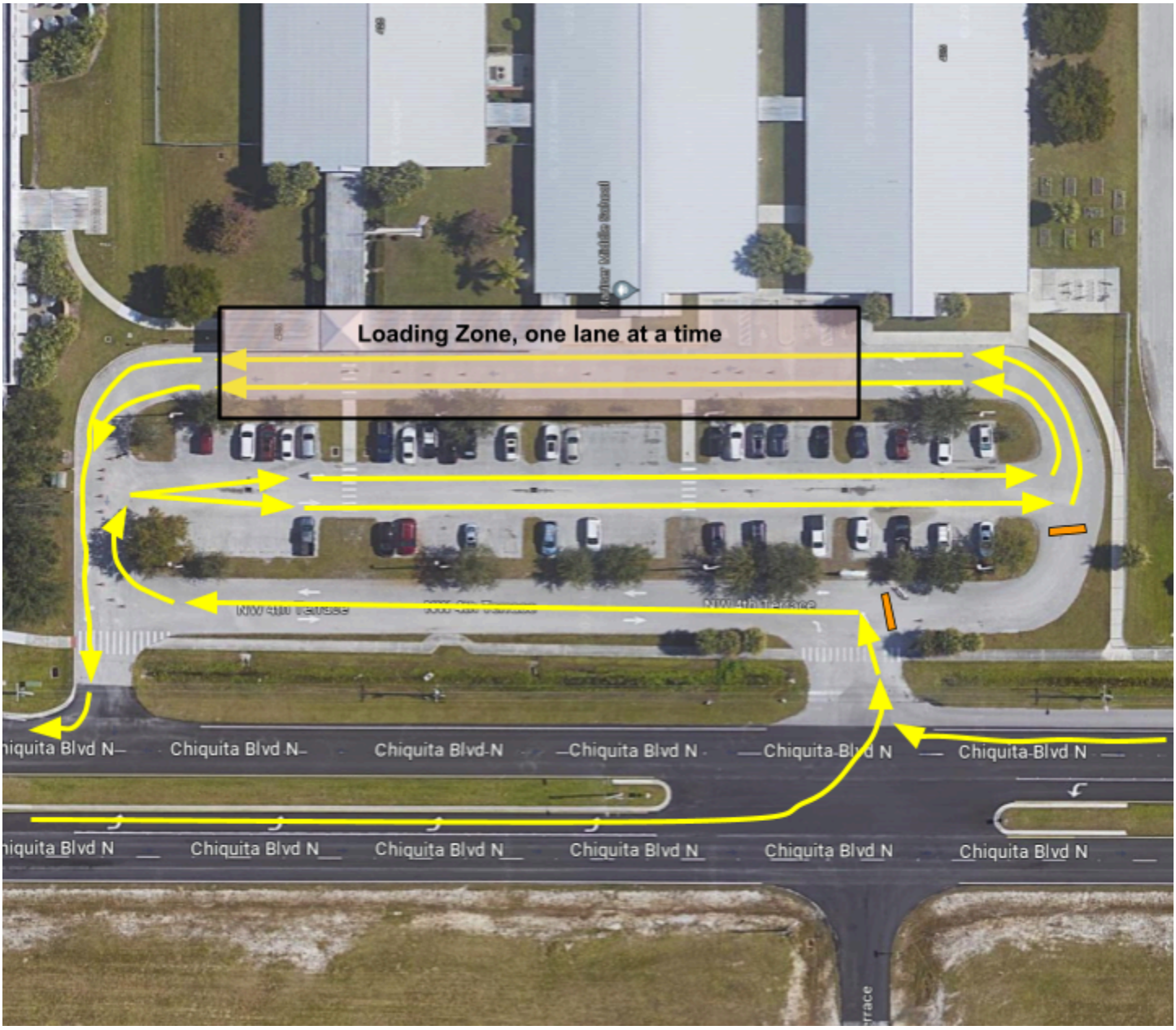
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