

Ruckel Middle School Inclement Weather Car Rider Ramp Policies

When we have heavy rain during drop-off and pick up time each year, our students who normally walk to school will probably be transported by parents in cars.

If your student is a bus rider, please **let your student ride the bus on rainy days** so that we can more easily accommodate those students who must be transported by car.

If you must use car transportation, we ask that you follow these drop-off and pick up procedures for Ruckel:

Drop-off – We have three designated drop-off areas at Ruckel.

1. **The front of the school which is entered from Partin Drive**

When drop-off traffic is heavy, two lines of traffic are formed from the entry all the way around the outer rim of the parking lot. The two lines alternate into the drop-off lane closest to the school. Proceed all the way to the end of the ramp to keep traffic flowing. Please have your child exit the car on the ramp side. This is the preferred ramp during inclement weather because your child can be dropped very close to shelter.

2. **The back of the school across from the U.S. Post Office**

This area does not handle a large number of cars and your child is not dropped close to shelter, so only use this drop-off if your child is involved in band or sports and has equipment or instruments to be carried in for storage. During inclement weather we advise drop-off at the front of the school.

3. **The gym parking lot off of the road that runs between Niceville High School and Ruckel:**

This is to be used in the same way as drop-off #2. If you use this drop-off, do not drop off students below the gym parking lot (near the cafeteria) because this is a high traffic pedestrian area with students who go to the gym from the bus ramp.

Pick up – Pick up for car riders is done at the same three locations. The same rules apply for pick up. If you are the first to arrive, please **pull all the way to the end of the pickup ramp** so we can accommodate more students. Always follow the directions of staff, even if your student is standing by your car – they know they are to go to the front, and we will have a safe and speedy procedure if everyone follows these policies.