



UNIVERSITY HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY
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University Highlands Elementary Road Safety FAQ



Why doesn't University Highlands have a school parking lot?

Our school is a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold School. To achieve LEED Gold status the school was designed and built to meet strict environmental criteria. Encouraging walking or riding a bicycle to school, using public transportation and carpooling meet such criteria and with limited parking, are more likely to be chosen as transportation options. University Highlands is situated within UniverCity – a community built on principles of sustainability. The residences around our school were located so that families could walk to school in less than 5 minutes. Eventually all our students will come from the residences in UniverCity.

Where can I park my car when dropping off or picking up my child from school?

1. If you work on the mountain, park your car in your employee space and walk your child to school from the parking lot.
2. Talk to other parents, meet in a lot and take turns walking all the kids to school.
3. You may park under Nesters Market for 1 hour for free! Be sure to buy a 1 hour ticket. Bring your ticket to the cashier for reimbursement.
4. You are encouraged to use the designated drop-off zone on University High Street. *It takes about 2 minutes* to drive east, past the Tower Road turn-off, head North at the roundabout and come up the North side of University High Street to use the designated drop-off zone.



Where can I park my car for a special event at the school?

Special event parking is *not* offered.

Your options are:

1. After 6:00 pm, park 2 hours for free under Nesters Market.
2. Use the pay parking on the South side of University High Street.
3. Use public transit!



Where can I park my car if I have a meeting or I am volunteering at the school?

1. You may park under Nesters Market for 1 hour for free! Be sure to buy a 1 hour ticket. Bring your ticket to the cashier for reimbursement.
2. If you are volunteering with several other parents consider carpooling and sharing the price of parking.
3. Use the pay parking on the South side of University High Street.
4. Use public transit!



Why isn't there a drop-off zone on Tower Road?

It is **dangerous** to have a drop-off zone on Tower Road due to the high pedestrian traffic and need for emergency vehicle and large vehicle access. There are 2 access points to our school on Tower Road at which there is **no stopping or parking**.

1. The first, closest to University High Street, allows the garbage and recycling trucks to pick up. School Board maintenance vehicles also use this space to bring in equipment. A fire lane is also located here.



2. The second, closest to the school field, is a walkway for families coming to school in the morning as our students enter the building from the North outside doors. It is also a fire lane and is used by large delivery trucks.



Why isn't there a student safety patrol?

Our main intersection, University High Street and Tower Road, is very busy and is a major bus route. We will only have a student safety patrol if we have enough adult volunteers to be on patrol with them each day.



Why don't we have an adult crossing guard?

Our main intersection, University High Street and Tower Road, has a 4 way

traffic light and well-marked crosswalks. Most children are walked to school by SFU Childcare Staff or by their parents. District Staff, with the City of Burnaby, have set criteria to determine which schools require paid crossing guards and it has not been deemed necessary at our intersection.

If University Highlands is an environmentally friendly school, why are so many students arriving in vehicles?

Approximately half our students live off the mountain and are being driven to and from school by their parents or other adult caregivers. **There are alternatives!**

1. Use public transit. Neighbourhood parents can get together and take turns escorting students to school on the bus.
2. Carpool! Take turns driving each others' children to school. Park at Nesters and walk them over to the grounds.



If you have concerns about Road Safety around our school please contact:

- Lori Driussi – Principal 604-664-2030
- Cpl. Skolrood – RCMP 604-294-7626

If you have concerns about parking at SFU, contact David Agosti:

- Phone: 778-782-5914
- Email: daagosti@sfu.ca

During winter months, you can find information about road conditions in the following ways:

- Phone: 604-444-4929
- Web: <http://www.sfu.ca/security/sfuroadconditions/>
- Webcam: <http://www.sfu.ca/itservices/technical/webcams.html>
- Twitter: @ SFU, @SFUParking, @Translink



Please remember, there is absolutely NO PARKING allowed in the school fire lane and NO STOPPING on Tower Road when dropping off and picking up students.

This is a great opportunity to set up a walking school bus!

Environmentally Friendly Choices

The following choices **practice environmentally responsible transportation** and **help kids to know their community!** They also provide opportunities for **socialization and observation**. Have a chat along the way:

- What landmarks do you see?
 - How is the environment changing with the seasons?
 - What safety features are in your community?
 - Know your neighbourhood – who lives here? who works here? what services are available?
 - Collect leaves, listen to the birds, watch for wildlife!
1. **Walking School Bus** is a successful program in many schools and is a viable option for University Highlands. Parents bring their children to a designated spot where an adult volunteer waits to walk the group to and from school. **This choice encourages physical activity!**
 2. **Buspool**: Take turns supervising groups of children on the bus. Walk children from the bus stop to and from the school.
 3. **Carpool**: Take turns driving each other's children to and from school. Park at Nesters and walk them to and from the school grounds.

