

Press Release

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS AND STUDENT DROP-OFF ZONE AT THE CHINO HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER

Chino Hills, CA – As students head back to school, the City of Chino Hills and the Chino Hills Police Department (CHPD) remind drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists, to prioritize safety on and around school campuses. Parents are encouraged to review safety precautions with their children before they walk, bike, or ride to school. Drivers should also be extra alert during peak school commute hours, as vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic will be heavier during the start of the new school year. With electric bicycle (e-bike) and motorized scooter use increasing among students, safety is more important than ever.

CHPD officers will be present patrolling school zones to help ease the transition back into the school year and ensure everyone is following traffic laws to keep our streets safe. Drivers are reminded to follow posted signage and parking regulations and remain patient during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

School Zone Safety Tips:

- Expect traffic delays and plan to leave at least 30 minutes before school starts to avoid rushing.
- Obey all posted speed limits, traffic laws, and parking regulations. This includes motorists and cyclists.
- Watch for crosswalks and obey all signs prohibiting turns, U-turns, stopping, or parking. Never block a crosswalk while waiting to turn.
- Do not drop off students at the curb along busy streets such as Peyton Drive, Boys Republic Drive, or Butterfield Ranch Road.
- Follow "no stopping" signs or red-colored curbs. A "no stopping" sign or red-colored curb means no stopping, waiting, or parking at any time, even briefly to drop off or pick-up students.

E-Bike and Motorized Scooter Safety Tips:

- Wear a helmet (required for riders under 18).
- Use caution when riding in bike lanes or streets, obey all traffic laws and ride in the same direction of traffic, and do not swerve between lanes or vehicles.

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• Avoid riding on sidewalks. E-bikes or motorized scooters are prohibited on City-owned sidewalks, trails, and in City-owned parks and open spaces.

- Yield to pedestrians, especially near schools and crosswalks.
- Inspect your brakes, tire pressure, and battery charge before use.

Student Drop-off Zone at Chino Hills Community Center:

To help ease congestion near Ruben S. Ayala High School, students can use the designated student drop-off area across the street at the Chino Hills Community Center, located at 14250 Peyton Drive. Drivers must enter the parking lot from Bulldog Boulevard, then turn left into the southern parking lot to drop off students. All vehicles must exit southbound on Peyton Drive, no exceptions. City staff will provide directions to drivers in the parking lot during the first few weeks of school. Please note that student drop-offs along Peyton Drive and student parking in the Community Center or Government Center lots are strictly prohibited.





No Public Restrooms at Chino Hills City Hall:

Please note that Chino Hills City Hall does not currently have public restrooms or a lobby available while remediation and repairs continue following the June fire and water damage, Restroom facilities are available in the adjacent James S. Thalman Chino Hills Branch Library. Students who need a safe place to wait after school are encouraged to visit the free <u>Teen Activity Center</u> inside the Chino Hills Community Center.