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SAFETY ALERT

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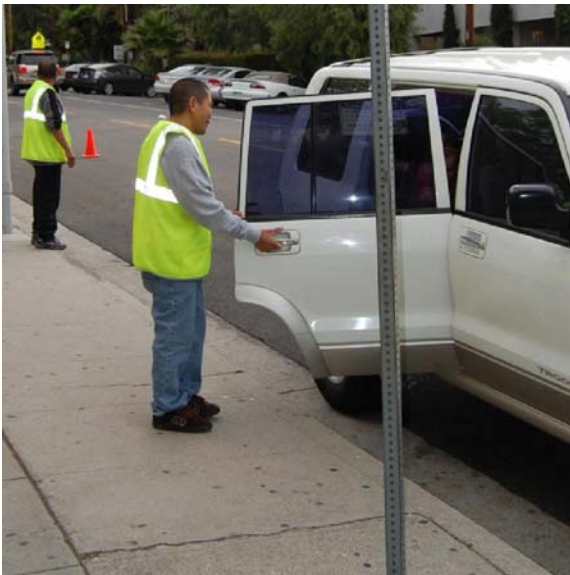
SAFETY VALET PROGRAM

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The Los Angeles Unified School District's Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) is encouraging schools to implement a Safety Valet Program to improve student safety during morning drop off times. In addition to improving student safety, the program provides more fluid movement of vehicular traffic directly around schools.

The program is designed so parents will not have to park or exit their vehicle when dropping off their children. Instead, parent volunteers set up traffic cones in a designated drop-off area where parent vehicles line up. As the vehicles enter the drop-off area, parent volunteers, or valets, approach the stopped vehicles and assist the students in exiting. The parent then drives off as the student is directed onto campus.

This program has helped many schools alleviate traffic congestion around the school and prevents unsafe practices by parents and students alike. OEHS coordinates the program with the assistance of the Los Angeles School Police Department who conduct on-site training prior to program implementation. The program and training are offered free of charge and OEHS will provide valet kits to the schools if funding is available, otherwise OEHS will direct the site administrator to the appropriate vendor to purchase needed equipment.



For additional information on the School Valet Program, please refer to Reference Guide No. 5496.1, *Implementing a Safety Valet Program at Schools*, available at www.lausd-oehs.org.

Please contact OEHS at (213) 241-3199 or at trafficsafety@lausd-oehs.org for assistance with implementing the Safety Valet Program or for other school traffic safety concerns.
