

There have been a lot of questions regarding the red zones around CVHS this year. This may help explain them. First the fire lanes, in particular the fire lane on the west side of the high school; fire lanes are established by state fire code under the direction of the fire marshal as a precautionary measure to ensure people and buildings are protected by allowing fire vehicles easy and unobstructed access to fire hydrants and ingress/egress routes; and must be enforced 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As a result, no parking can be allowed during or after school hours in these areas, not even when a person is in the vehicle.

The second area is in front of CVHS and CVMS on 1925 N where parents have traditionally dropped-off and picked-up students before and after school hours. The schools petitioned the city council to make this a “No parking, stopping or standing” area during school days from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and the city council adopted this ordinance. The reason behind this is there have been a number of students struck by cars after being dropped-off with them then darting between stopped cars along the edge of the road into on-coming traffic, not giving drivers enough time to stop before striking them. Thus far, no one has been seriously injured, but we don’t want to see an avoidable tragic incident occur. Our hope is parents will drop their students off curb side in the parking lots where this won’t occur. If parents wish to drop their students off on 1925 N outside the restricted area, we hope they will do so near cross walks and will encourage their children to safely cross where traffic expects them.

We realize these zones may be inconvenient, but we feel the safety they provide students is worth the few extra minutes required to comply with the law. We deeply appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep your children safe. THANK YOU!