

# **NAPOLEON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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## **The safety of our students is one of our greatest concerns.**

The Napoleon Township Police Department has received numerous complaints from parents and school staff. The majority of these complaints are regarding parents dropping off and picking up their students whom are not paying attention to basic safety, courtesy, and traffic laws. This also includes people failing to stop at the crosswalk and allowing both adults and children to cross the road safely. Also, we have had numerous complaints involving the drop off lanes and parking at the middle school and the elementary school.

- It is important to remember that although the area in front of the school is marked 25mph, when there are numerous vehicles and/or children walking around, the prudent speed would be whatever is appropriate to ensure the safety of everyone that is using the crosswalk and parking in front of the school.
- You must stop at the crosswalk and allow pedestrians that are present to cross in a safe manner. This is in accordance with MCL 257.627.
- As a matter of courtesy, if you are dropping your children off at the school, it would be very prudent to make sure your children are ready to exit the vehicle and be able to leave the drop off lane within 30 to 45 seconds of your arrival. If you are a parent prefers to get out of the vehicle, in order to help their children out of the car and give them hugs before they go to school, then you must park your vehicle in a parking spot and allow the parents that are dropping their children off to use that drop off lane. It is not permissible to park your vehicle in the drop off lane, exit your vehicle, assist your children with exiting the vehicle or stand there while talking with someone in that drop off lane.
- When parking on the East side of West Ave, in front of the high school, please makes sure that you pull your vehicle as close to the sidewalk as possible without parking on the side walk. This will allow you to open your driver's side doors, without opening them into the roadway. Over the past few weeks our officers have had several close calls for our students and parents. Much of this is a matter of safety and courtesy.

The Napoleon Township Police Department is committed to the safety of the children as well as the adults that are using the areas around the school. We have received many positive comments from citizens about our presence at the school. We will continue to be there as often as possible. Thank you for your attention and consideration on these issues. We would like to wish the community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

