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**NEW CIRCULATION PLAN FOR STUDENT DROP-OFFS AND PICK-UPS
AT COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL**

SOUTH ORANGE, NJ [8-21-2025]: Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025, a new traffic circulation plan is in effect for student drop-offs and pick-ups at Columbia High School (CHS). The new plan, initially created by Maplewood Township and later amended with input from South Orange, aims to improve pedestrian and automobile safety around the CHS campus. Maplewood will make the following changes from 7:15-8:15 a.m. and 2:10-3:10 p.m. on school days:

- Student drop-offs will be prohibited along Parker Avenue, between Valley Street and Prospect Street. Instead, four drop-off zones have been created on Valley Street, Academy Street, North Terrace, and Kensington Terrace;
- Academy Street will be designated as one-way from Sherman Place to Parker Avenue;
- North Terrace will be designated as one-way from Parker Avenue to Crowell Place;
- Kensington Terrace will be designated as one-way from Parker Avenue to Franklin Place.

South Orange will make the following changes from 7:15-8:15 a.m. and 2:10-3:10 p.m. on school days:

- Hixon Place will be closed to thru traffic at Valley Street;
- Sherman Place will be closed to thru traffic at Prospect Street.

The road closures in South Orange will occur in order to maintain safety during these peak usage times, facilitate the flow of traffic in the area, and reduce, to the degree possible, the impact of the changes on our residents. Residents of Hixon Place and Sherman Place may still use the roadway to depart or return to their homes. Hixon Place will remain a one-way street. Sherman Place will remain a two-way street. Academy Street remains a two-way street north of Sherman Place.

Per Maplewood Township, the new traffic pattern is being introduced on a trial basis for at least six weeks so adjustments can be made, as needed, before the plan is finalized later this fall. During this time, the South Orange Police Department will monitor the new traffic pattern and take action as needed to maintain the safety of our community. In the event that our neighboring municipality makes further changes, South Orange will evaluate and adjust accordingly.

Questions regarding this matter may be referred to the SOPD Traffic Bureau, (973) 763-3000.

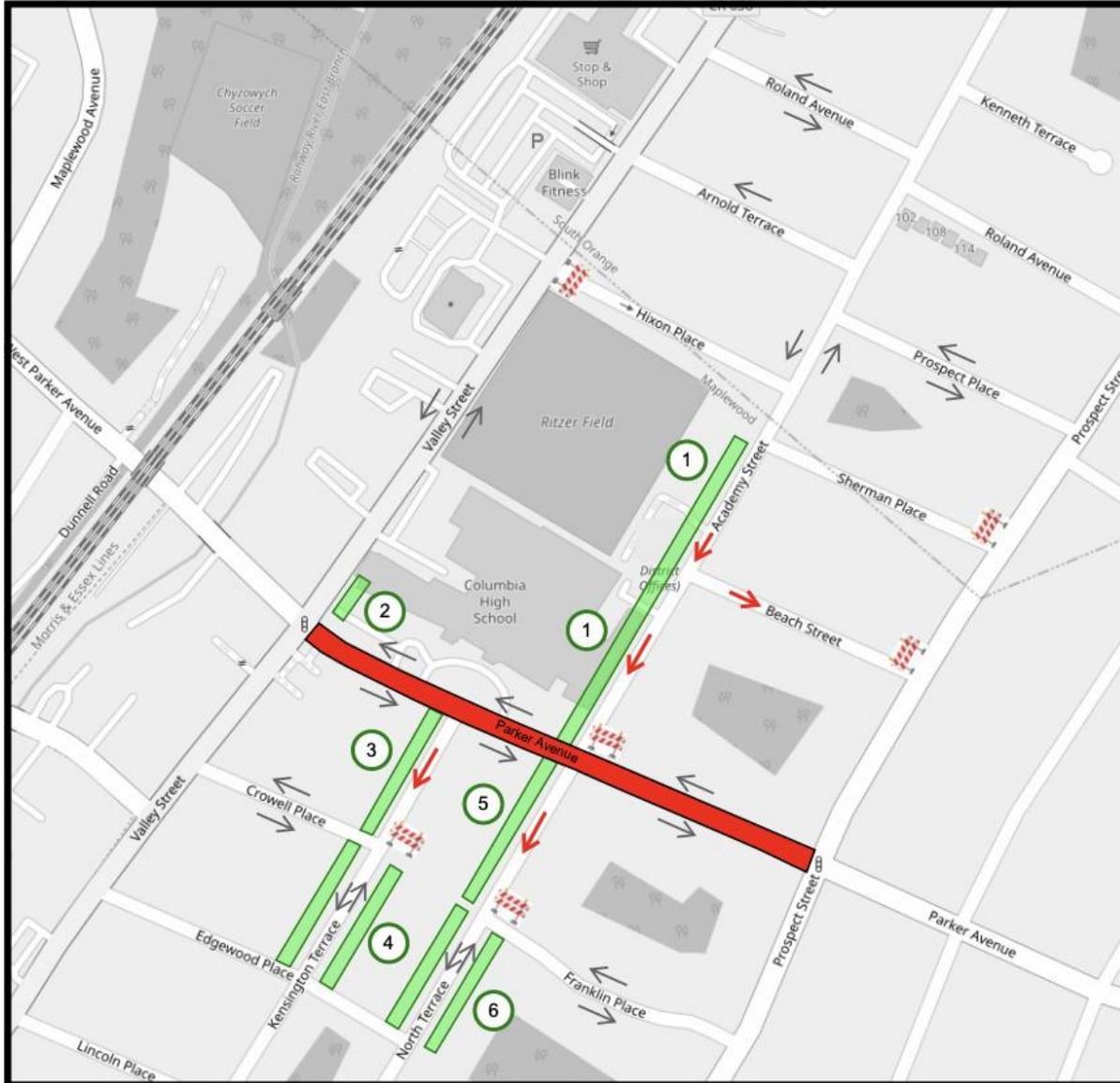
Map courtesy of South Orange-Maplewood School District



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**South Orange
& Maplewood**

Student Drop-Off Location Map

Columbia High School



Permitted Drop-Off Locations:

- ① **Academy Street** - West side between Sherman Place and Parker Avenue
- ② **Valley Street** - East side just north of Parker Avenue
- ③ **Kensington Terrace** - West side between Parker Avenue and Crowell Place
- ④ **Kensington Terrace** - Both sides between Crowell Place and Edgewood Place
- ⑤ **North Terrace** - West side between Parker Avenue and Franklin Place
- ⑥ **North Terrace** - Both sides between Franklin Place and Edgewood Place



Drop-offs are **PROHIBITED** along both sides of Parker Avenue between Valley Street and Prospect Street

Legend:

- EXISTING TRAFFIC FLOW
- TEMPORARY ONE-WAY
- TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES
- 7:15 AM to 8:15 AM
- 2:10 PM to 3:10 PM