

**Texas 26 Expansion and Grapevine High School  
Easing the Traffic Headache!  
August 2011**

**General Tips for all GHS Drivers**

- Car pool! The fewer cars we have flowing through the campus, the better. Sharing a ride with neighbors makes a huge difference for traffic flow.
- Leave at least 15 minutes earlier than usual. Particularly for the first few days, we highly recommend that you allow additional time for your trip to school.
- Be patient and courteous! The expansion of Texas 26/Ira E. Woods Avenue will continue over several months. We are all in this boat together! Please know that your trip to and from school will take more time than usual so plan accordingly.
- If possible, avoid the intersection of Texas 26 and Mustang Drive. This area will be under construction at least through September.

**Bus arrival and drop-off**

In order to ease traffic flow in the front of the building, GCISD buses will drop off and pick up students on the south/student parking lot side of the building (**Exhibit A**). In order to accommodate the bus traffic, cars will not be able to travel between the student parking lot and the front staff parking lot. This “cut through” will be closed both in the morning and the afternoon (**Exhibit B**).

**North Option 1: Students Traveling from the north (downtown GV area; lake area)**

Travel south on Texas 26 toward school, you should turn left into the Mustang-Panther Stadium Parking Lot (**Exhibit C**). This will allow you to avoid the intersection at Texas 26 and Mustang Drive. In fact, Grapevine Police will direct traffic through this area for the first several days of school. Traffic will turn right onto Mustang Drive where police will continue to direct traffic onto our campus.

**North Option 2: Students Traveling from the north (avoiding Texas 26)**

Take Grapevine Main Street south. Go past 121 continuing until you get to Stacy Furniture. Turn right on Mustang Drive all the way to GHS (**Exhibit D**).

**Students Traveling from the south on 26 (Colleyville area)**

As you travel from points south and southwest of the campus, we encourage you to seek routes that avoid Texas 26. Please note, however, that the road connecting Cross Timbers Middle School and the GHS student parking lot will only be open to bus traffic. During morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up, the gate between CTMS and GHS will remain closed (**Exhibit E**). For student safety, we simply can not open this as a public thoroughfare as students continually walk through these areas. If you must use Texas 26, please allot additional travel time, plan to arrive early to school, and car pool with neighbors. Grapevine police will direct traffic near the school to ease traffic flow.

**South Alternative Route**

Take Hall-Johnson Road East to Texas 121. Get on Texas 121 and take the William D. Tate/Main Street exit. Stay right (as when going to Tinseltown). Turn left onto Mustang Drive (**Exhibit F**).