

## ***High School Pickup and Dropoff Just Got Safer***

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Morning drop-off at any high school is a hectic time, exceeded only by the high-energy confusion of afternoon pickup. They're both a combustible mix of frazzled parents, busy traffic and excited kids all together in close quarters.

When the Dubuque Community School District added almost 50,000 square feet to the Hempstead High School, the clash of running students and rolling automobiles needed to be addressed. Several alternatives for the vehicle routes into and out of the school property were made, but none of them worked very well. In addition to being awkward and inconvenient, they would have required the acquisition of more land or the elimination of the baseball field.

When WHKS was asked to look at the problem, they envisioned a completely different approach. By looping the in-and-out vehicular route back on itself in an innovative pattern, they were able to separate pedestrians and vehicles, provide a new, exclusive entrance for the students, keep the ball field and reduce the chances of injury. All this while maintaining the size of the school property and adding 65 valuable parking spaces.



*Recently completed improvements at Hempstead High School*