



Dear SOA and Academic Magnet Students and Parents:

Since moving into the Park Circle Community in 2010, the Charleston County School of the Arts (SOA) and Academic Magnet High School (AMHS) communities have sought to be good neighbors. Our schools create a high level of traffic in and around the Park Circle neighborhoods, and we want to ensure that we are being "neighborly" in the way we drive our cars, park our vehicles, and in the route we take to and from the campus.

As such, we are asking all parents, students, and staff members to please adhere to the following guidelines:

- When driving to and from the campus, drivers should avoid traveling through neighborhood streets where possible. Instead, main roads such as Mixson Avenue, Montague Avenue, North Rhett Boulevard, and Remount Road should be used. A map of the preferred routes to and from the campus is attached.
- Drivers operating on roads should remember to follow basic traffic safety principles at all times. Neighbors walk their children, ride their bikes, and walk to and from other schools in the area, so we all need to remain attentive and drive safely at all times. This means obeying the speed limit, stopping completely at stop signs, not texting and remaining attentive.
- Staff, visitors, and authorized students driving to the AMHS/SOA campuses should only park on the Bonds-Wilson campus. Neighborhood streets should not be used for school parking at any time. On-street parking in surrounding neighborhoods is reserved for residents and their guests, and as good neighbors, we should respect the intended use of those parking spaces for the neighborhood--not for school traffic. Last year, we added approximately 25 parking spaces to our campus in order to accommodate more cars.
- Similarly, all student pick-up and drop-off should occur on the campus. Neighborhood roads and alleyways should not be used for student drop-off or pick-up. Please note that alleyways in Oak Terrace Preserve are considered private property.

The North Charleston Police Department has been asked to help us monitor school traffic in and around the campus to identify and address unsafe or problematic behavior. We have also encouraged neighbors to report unsafe behavior they observe from the SOA or AMHS community to the school administration and/or NCPD so that it can be addressed appropriately.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in being good ambassadors of AMHS and SOA to the greater Park Circle area. We are doing wonderful things at our schools, and we want the community to see our presence as an asset. Please help us continue to build and foster that positive relationship.

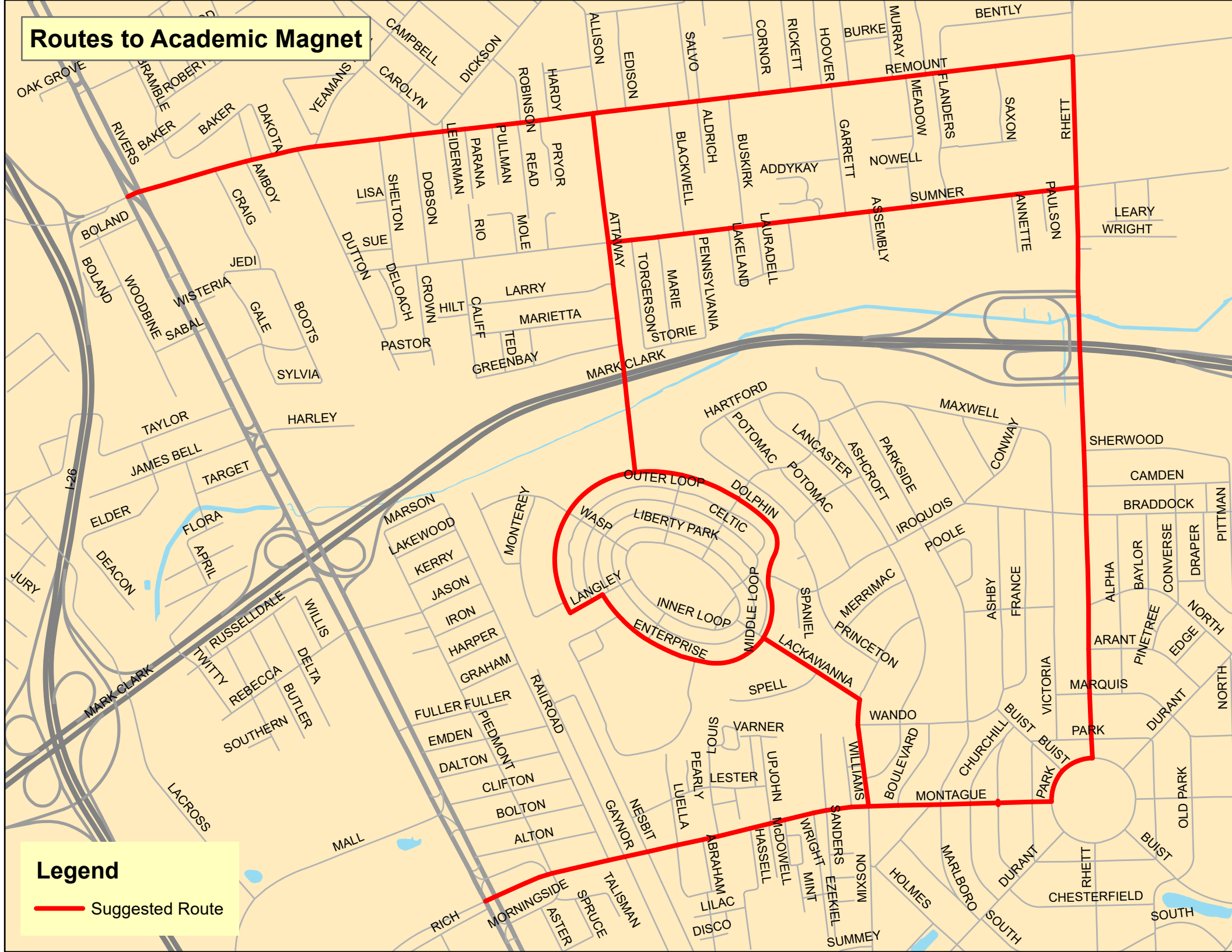
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Routes to Academic Magnet



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 Suggested Route