



How to Get to Gunn

For everyone's safety and health, both the school and the PTSA encourage students to bicycle, walk, carpool, or take the bus to school. If none of these options works for you, please see the advice below about driving to Gunn.

 You may have read this document in prior years. Substantive changes are marked like this paragraph.

VTA County Buses

- Reduced-price VTA Monthly bus passes are available in the Gunn Student Activity Center (650-354-8229) and cover all regular VTA buses.
- The VTA route 88 stop is directly in front of or across from Gunn on Arastradero Road. See <http://www.88bus.org> and sign up for updates at <http://lists.sonic.net/mailman/listinfo/88bus> The VTA can be reached at 800-894-9908, or check the VTA site: http://www.vta.org/schedules/SC_88.html
- VTA one-trip fares are now 75¢ (no change given) for students under 18, and \$1.25 for students over 18 for the VTA 88 bus. They are higher for other VTA buses.
- The SAC also has maps and schedules available.
-  The VTA 88, 88L, and 88M bus schedules have changed to correspond to the revised Gunn bus schedule.


PAUSD Buses

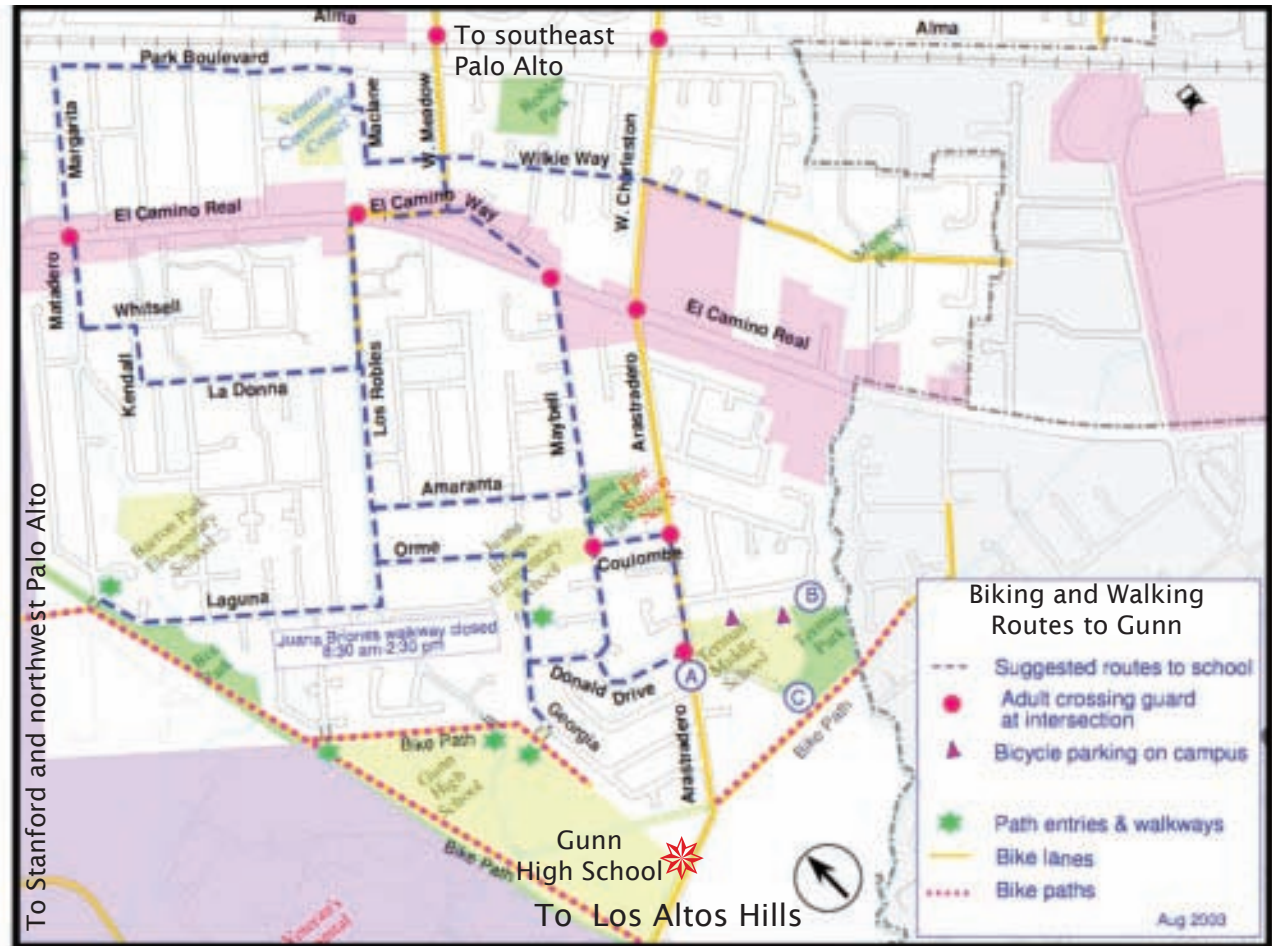
The District makes unused seats on its Routes J, Y, and Z buses available to high school students for a fee. Bus passes are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The routes are posted at <http://www.pausd.org/parents/services/transportation> Call 329-3980.

Biking & Walking

The Gunn bike map on the next page shows the main entrances to Gunn. A number of paths and neighborhood cut-throughs give bicyclists and pedestrians a nearly traffic-free entrance at the north end of campus, near Bol Park and off Los Robles Avenue and off Georgia Avenues. For everyone's safety and efficient traffic management, walkers and cyclists coming westbound on Arastradero Road are encouraged to avoid the congestion at the Arastradero driveway entrance.

Portables have been located at the back of the main driveway for the duration of construction. Bike racks are conveniently located between the relocated portables and the tennis courts for cyclists entering from the back of campus.

 Although construction deliveries will usually be scheduled to avoid commute times, occasionally this may not be possible. Flagmen will stop trucks for bikes. Nonetheless, bicyclists using the Georgia entrance should be alert around the tennis courts.



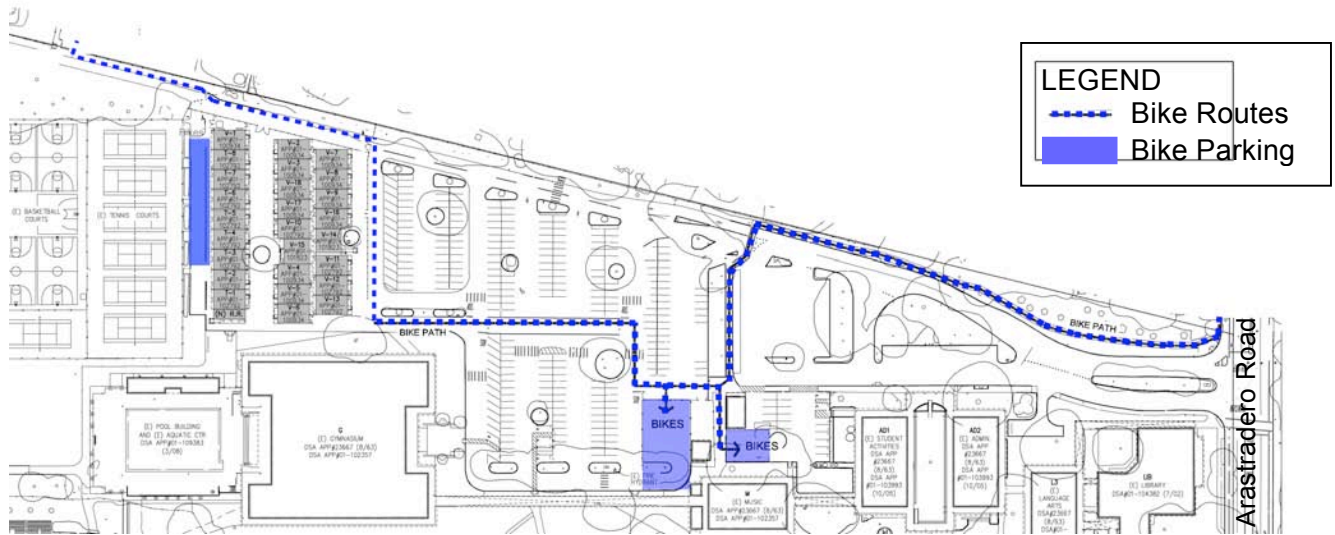
Miranda Entrance Closed
for construction
Use main entrance (*) instead

The Miranda entrance is closed to bicyclists and pedestrians for the duration of construction. Use the sidewalk to get to the main entrance instead. Remember cyclists should walk their bikes on sidewalks for safety!

If you bike, look for the Pedal for Prizes volunteers from time to time at the bike cage. They offer small treats with a chance to win bigger prizes, such as Jamba Juice cards.

For an area-wide bike map, as well as how to plan your bike route, see:

http://transportation.stanford.edu/alt_transportation/BikingAtStanford.shtml#routes




Bicyclists are asked to please be safe and wear a helmet at all times. It's the law for anyone under the age of 18. Be sure that the helmet fits correctly with the strap adjusted snugly under the chin.

Look for FREE bike registration at Gunn shortly before school starts back. Bike registration is required in California.

Please see the next page for the revised bike routes and the new bike parking locations on the Gunn campus for during the construction.

If You Must Drive to Gunn

There is often congestion on Arastradero Road and/or in the Gunn parking lot at peak hours. Plan time for your school commute so you won't feel rushed, enabling you to share the road safely.

 Arastradero Road restriping trial is continuing this year with some additional changes that have been made in response to community input. Although this safety improvement is not expected to increase commute times, there is usually an adjustment period after a restriping of one or two months during which drivers get used to the changes. So...please be patient and leave extra time in your schedule. Also, remember that a fair number of your fellow drivers are inexperienced, and possibly distracted by friends in the car. Drive attentively.

Visitor Parking

Parents who park at the school during the day must stop in the front office and get a temporary parking permit, for parking in the visitor spaces.

Student Parking

Students using the Gunn lot must buy a parking permit from the Student Activities Office, as explained on the SAO site:

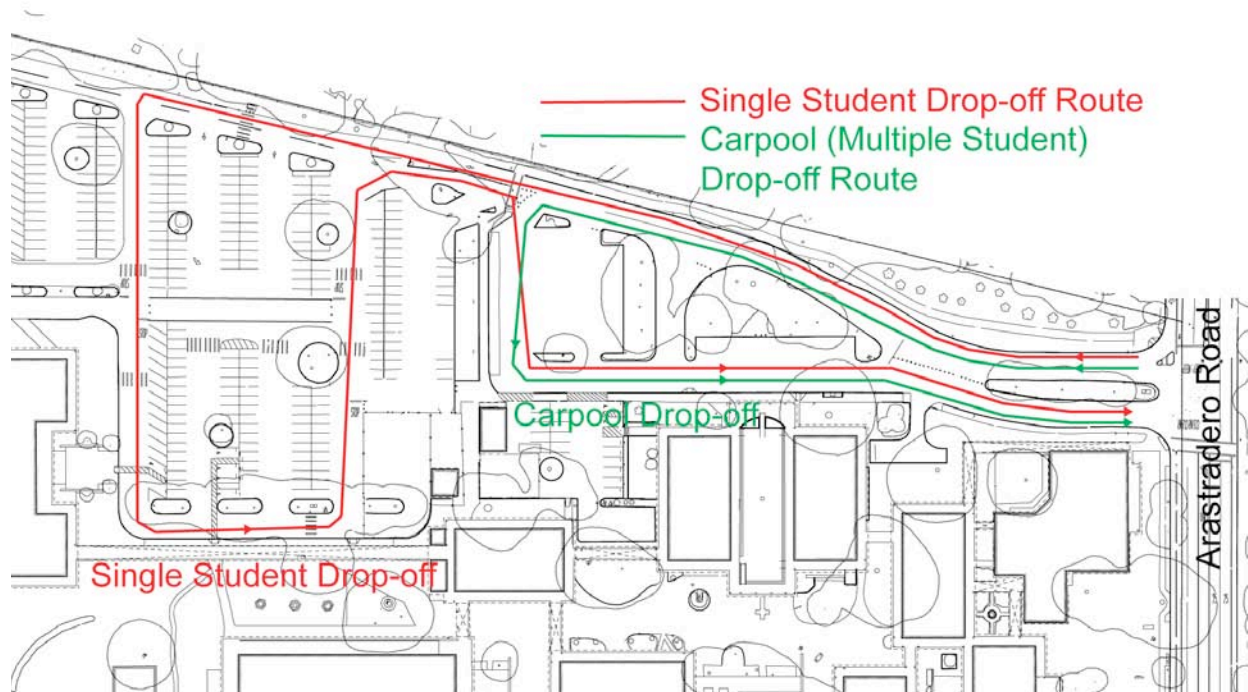
<http://gunn3.pausd.org/~activities/sac/Driving.htm>

Carpools receive preferred parking. Please keep in mind that new student drivers can carpool siblings, but only if they have a note from their parents with them.

Dropping Off Students

Main Entrance

If you are dropping off only one student through the main driveway entrance, you must use the drop-off area back by the gym. If you are driving two or more students to Gunn, you may drop off at the curb by the front office, which is reserved for buses and carpools. Drop-off areas are for active loading and unloading only. Please do NOT double park or park alongside any of the red curbs when picking up students. If your student is not ready to go, then please park in the lot. Please turn left just past the visitor parking to head towards the parking lot. Standing and waiting in the loading area is not permitted. Help minimize congestion and promote safety for everyone.



Miranda Entrance

Student drop-off in the back Gunn driveway on Miranda is NOT allowed. Please note also that there is no legal drop-off on Miranda close to Gunn. The special

arrangement with the VTA and the County Sheriff's Department under which brief drop-offs were allowed at the VTA bus stop on Miranda has been terminated. The County Sheriff will ticket drivers seen dropping-off there. Note also that dropping off farther down Miranda is also not legal because there is a bike lane, and drop-offs between the Gunn driveway and the intersection with Arastradero risk obstructing traffic when you pull out.

Georgia Cut-Through

It is legal to drop students off near the pedestrian cut-through on Georgia Avenue by the tennis courts, but we must respect the neighbors and especially the bicycle and foot traffic in the area.

If you drive near the Georgia cut-through:

- * Watch for bicyclists coming out of the path on their way to Terman. The path empties somewhat abruptly into the street, disgorging relatively inexperienced cyclists.
- * Drive away from the path before making a U-turn, observing the law that no vehicle (and this includes bicycles) may be approaching closer than 200 feet. Better yet, avoid making a U-turn by looping through the streets. For more information about U-turns, go to the DMV driver's handbook and look under Turns:
http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/hdbk/driver_handbook_toc.htm
- * Consider dropping your passengers off on Donald, avoiding Georgia entirely.