

TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS

Background:

Section 779 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code authorizes Boards of School Directors to make rules and regulations concerning the admission, control, movement and parking of vehicles on school property, so long as those regulations are not inconsistent with the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code or any local traffic and parking ordinances. Local traffic and parking ordinances, in turn, prohibit the parking of vehicles on private property without the consent of the property owner.

Objective:

It is the objective of this policy to specify regulations concerning the movement and parking of vehicles on District property, to authorize the Administration to grant permission to park on District property and to establish rules, regulations and conditions for granting and revoking such permission, and to provide for the cooperation between the District and the Mt. Lebanon Police Department in connection with enforcement of state, local and District rules and regulations concerning traffic and parking.

Policy:

The Mt. Lebanon Police Department is fully authorized to enforce all state, local and District driving laws, ordinances and regulations concerning traffic and parking on District property.

1. The speed limit for all vehicles on all school property, including parking lots, streets, roadways and play areas, is 15 miles per hour. No vehicles (other than District authorized vehicles) are permitted on tracks, ball fields, lawns or District property other than roadways and parking areas.
2. Regular parking on District property is a privilege granted by the District, and is subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Administration from time to time. The District may require stickers, hang tags, or other identification systems, which may be owned by the District, and which may be distributed by the District from time to time. The District reserves the right to revoke stickers, hang tags and other identification systems, and parking privileges generally, as it deems appropriate based upon availability of space, disregard of traffic or parking regulations, or violation of other administrative rules and regulations of the District.
3. Parking shall be permitted in designated areas only, and parking in all other areas is restricted or prohibited. Parking areas shall not be used as throughways, raceways, or in any other manner that is dangerous or disruptive to District operations.
4. When parking parallel to the curb, curb side wheels of the vehicle must be within 18 inches of the curb.

5. Designated District employees may enforce District parking regulations, including but not limited to writing citations, contacting the Mt. Lebanon Police Department, and/or arranging for the towing of vehicles, at the owner's expense.
6. Student vehicles parked on District property are subject to reasonable searches by the District and/or law enforcement authorities, with or without notice. General and random searches (including canine sniff searches) are authorized. Students should have no expectation of privacy as to vehicles on District property. Parking is a privilege, not a right, and student parking permits will be issued only where students and/or parents consent to such searches. Refusal to cooperate in such searches may result in loss of parking privileges as well as disciplinary action.
7. Parking on District property in violation of this policy, any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any conditions imposed by the Administration, shall be deemed to be parking on private property without the District's consent and is unlawful.
8. Violators of parking and traffic laws, ordinances, regulations, or conditions on District property will be subject to fines and other penalties that may be applicable under Pennsylvania laws and/or Municipal ordinances, including, without limitation, Chapter X ("Motor Vehicles and Traffic") of the Municipality of Mt. Lebanon Code. In addition, violators of this policy and any rules or regulations promulgated hereunder shall, upon summary conviction thereof, be subject to fines and penalties provided under Section 779 of the School Code. In addition, violators of parking and traffic laws, ordinances, regulations, or conditions and this policy are subject to the loss of parking privileges on District property.

Administrative Responsibility

The Administration is authorized to take all steps required to implement this policy, including but not limited to determining parking locations, hours and requirements on all District property and developing administrative procedures and forms where necessary.

Communication

This policy shall be communicated to:

1. All District employees
2. Students and Parents
3. The Mt. Lebanon Community

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