

Students

Student Driving and Parking

Student Use of Motor Vehicles

The student use of automobiles on school grounds whether to drive or to park is a privilege and governed by Board of Education policy. Seniors may request parking privileges during the school day. All students park their vehicles at their own risk. All requests for parking privileges must be accompanied by proof of proper licensing. All students who receive approval to park on school property must complete and sign an application that includes regulations for on-campus operation and parking of motor vehicle.

The only automobiles that will be allowed to park on the school grounds will be those that have been issued permits. Each permit will have a number and the permit will be valid only for the car that it is assigned to. Permits will be for the academic year only. Any student abusing his/her permit privileges will have the permit revoked. Permits will be issued by the administration. Upon arrival at school, students are not to remain in their car, but are to come directly into the building.

Use of Automobiles

A permit must be issued which is valid for the academic year only to the car(s) assigned in order for that car to be driven or parked on school grounds. A temporary permit may be issued under emergency circumstances at the discretion of the Principal. Permits shall be issued according to the following criteria:

1. Adequate space
2. Meeting and maintaining the following responsibilities:
 - A. A valid driver's license, vehicle registration, and insurance as required under Connecticut Law.
 - B. Maintaining an attendance record without invalid absence or tardiness to homeroom or school.
 - C. Maintaining slow and safe control of the vehicle on the school grounds and streets surrounding school parking area.
 - D. Leaving after the departure of the school buses at dismissal.
 - E. Recognizing that school buses shall have the right of way at all times.
 - F. Coming immediately and directly into the building from the parking area.
 - G. Signing of acknowledgement that the school district assumes no responsibility for student vehicles on school property.
 - H. All traffic and parking signs on campus must be followed.

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Revocation of Permits

Given that driving and parking on school property by students is a privilege rather than a right, the Board reserves its discretion to revoke permits that have been issued for conduct that includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Reckless or dangerous driving on the school grounds.
2. Leaving the school grounds without permission.
3. Failing to park in the area designated.
4. Failing to follow posted traffic signs.
5. At the request of their parents.
6. Excessive tardiness. (see attendance policy)
7. Loitering of students in their cars.
8. Failing to give school buses the right of way at all times.
9. Failure to follow all CT Motor Vehicle regulations.
10. Creating a nuisance, which interrupts the school environment, i.e. loud radio playing, exhaust systems, screeching tires.

Although school grounds are public property the Board has the responsibility for protecting school property and for assuring the safety of all persons on school grounds. Thus it has authority to set up controls related to driving and parking on school property, as well as the use of school grounds and facilities by the public.

Motorized Recreational Vehicles

The Board of Education declares that the grounds of the school (including roads and parking lots) are off limits to use at all times, by scooters, mini-bikes, snowmobiles, or other recreational type vehicles. When school is being occupied for school community purposes, parking lots are available for parking only.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

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