

Students

Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles, Patrols, Inspections, and Searches

I. Purpose

This policy provides guidelines for the use and parking of motor vehicles by students in school district locations, to maintain order and discipline in the district and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of students and district personnel.

II. General Statement of Policy

It is the policy of this school district to allow the limited use and parking of motor vehicles by students in district locations. It is the position of the district that a fair and equitable district-wide student motor vehicle policy will contribute to the quality of the student's educational experience, will maintain order and discipline in the district, and will protect the health, safety, and welfare of students and district personnel. This policy applies to all students in the district.

III. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the definitions included in this section apply.

- A. "Contraband" means any unauthorized item whose possession is prohibited by school district policy and/or law. It includes but is not limited to weapons and "look-alikes," alcoholic beverages, controlled substances and "look-alikes," and stolen property.
- B. "Reasonable scope" means that the scope and/or intrusiveness of the search is reasonably related to the objectives of the search. Factors to consider in determining what is reasonable include the seriousness of the suspected infraction, the reliability of the information, the necessity of acting without delay, the existence of exigent circumstances necessitating an immediate search and further investigation (e.g., to prevent violence, serious and immediate risk of harm, or destruction of evidence), and the age of the student.
- C. "Reasonable suspicion" means that a district official has grounds to believe that the search will result in evidence of a violation of district policy, rules, and/or law. Reasonable suspicion may be based on a district official's personal observation, a report from a student, parent, or staff member, a student's suspicious behavior, a student's age and history or record of conduct both in and out of the school context, or other reliable sources of information.
- D. "School district location" or "district location" means property that is owned,

rented, leased, or borrowed by the district for school purposes, as well as property immediately adjacent to such property that may be used for parking or gaining access to such property. A district location also will include off-district property at any district-sponsored or district-approved activity, event, or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the district.

IV. Student Use of Motor Vehicles in School District Locations

Students generally are not permitted to use motor vehicles during the school day in any school district location. Students may use motor vehicles on the high school campus during the school day only if there is an emergency or permission has been granted to the student by the high school administration to use a motor vehicle.

Strict compliance with the following campus traffic regulations is mandatory; disciplinary action will be taken if a student chooses to ignore them:

- A. Ten mile per hour speed limit
- B. One direction driving – arrows are on the road designating the direction of the traffic.
- B. Park in student designated lots and not along painted yellow curbs, loading dock, and staff parking spaces.
- C. "Off limit" regulations relate to parked cars and parking lots during the school day, unless written authorization is granted by district officials.

V. Student Parking of Motor Vehicles in School District Locations

- A. Students are permitted to park in a school district location as a matter of privilege, not of right. Students driving a motor vehicle to a high school campus may park the motor vehicle in the parking lot designated for student parking only and must display a valid permit. All parking permits are issued and managed by the high school administration. Students will not park vehicles in driveways, on private property, or in other designated use areas e.g., parking lots designated for use only by staff or by the general public).
- B. Carpools and students with unique circumstances (including postsecondary options, students with disabilities, and other needs) have a priority for parking and are granted permits based on this criterion. Carpooling and sharing of parking permits is encouraged to decrease parking lot congestion and reduce individual student cost.
- C. When there are unauthorized vehicles parked on district property, district officials may:

1. Move the vehicle or require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move it off district property.
2. If unattended, provide for the removal of the vehicle, at the expense of the owner or operator, to the nearest convenient garage or other place of safety off of district property.
3. Use vehicle immobilization devices (“boots”) to secure the placement of the vehicle until further action can be taken by school administrators.

VI. Patrols, Inspections, and Searches

School district officials may conduct routine patrols of district locations and routine inspections of the exterior and interior visible spaces of the motor vehicles of students. In addition, the interiors of motor vehicles of students in district locations may be searched when district officials have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover a violation of law and/or district policy or rule.

A. Patrols and Inspections

District officials may conduct routine patrols of student parking lots and other district locations and routine inspections of the exteriors of the motor vehicles of students. Such patrols and inspections may be conducted without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.

B. Search of Interior of Student Motor Vehicle

The interiors of motor vehicles of students in district locations, including glove or trunk compartments, may be searched when district officials have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover a violation of law and/or district policy or rule. The search will be reasonable in its scope and intrusiveness. Such searches may be conducted without notice, without consent, and without a search warrant. A student will be subject to withdrawal of parking privileges and to discipline if the student refuses to open a locked motor vehicle under the student’s control or its compartments upon the request of a district official.

C. Prohibition of Contraband and Interference with Patrols, Inspections, Searches, and/or Seizures

It is a violation of this policy for students to store or carry contraband in motor vehicles in a district location or to interfere with patrols, inspections, searches, and/or seizures as provided by this policy.

D. Seizure of Contraband

If a search yields contraband, district officials will seize the item and may turn it over to legal officials for ultimate disposition when appropriate.

E. Dissemination of Policy

This policy will be referenced in the student handbook or disseminated in any way that district administration deems appropriate.

VII. Directives and Guidelines

The superintendent is granted authority to develop and present for school board review and approval reasonable directives and guidelines which address specific needs of the school district related to student use and parking of motor vehicles in district locations, such as a permit system and parking regulations. Approved directives and guidelines will be attached as an addendum to this policy.

VIII. Violations

A student found to have violated this policy and/or the directives and guidelines implementing it will be subject to suspension or withdrawal of parking privileges and/or to discipline in accordance with the school district's student discipline policy, which may include suspension, exclusion, or expulsion. In addition, the student may be referred to legal officials when appropriate.

Legal References:

U. S. Const., amend. IV

Minn. Const., art. I, §10

Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, subds. 1 and 5 (General Powers of Independent School Districts - Board Authority; Removal of Unauthorized Vehicles)

New Jersey v. T.L.O., 469 U.S. 325, 105 S. Ct. 733, 83 L.Ed.2d 720 (1985)

Cross References:

Policy 418 (Alcohol- and Drug-Free Workplace and School Environment)

Policy 501 (School Weapons Policy)

Policy 502 (Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person)

Policy 506 (Student Conduct and Discipline)

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

Edina, Minnesota

Appendix I to Policy 517

TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

1. Except as modified in this appendix, all traffic and parking regulations of the City of Edina apply to motor vehicles on school district property.
2. The law enforcement officers of the City of Edina are authorized to enforce the traffic and parking regulations contained in this appendix.
3. The maximum speed of motor vehicles on district property will be no more than 10 miles per hour or the speed designated by district signage.
4. Two-way traffic is permitted on all district property except where restricted by signs.
5. No person will operate a snowmobile, go-cart, trail motorbike, or other recreational motor vehicle on district property without the written permission of administration.
6. Parking is prohibited at all times on district property designated as a fire lane, loading zones, or as restricted by district signage. Unauthorized parking is also prohibited in handicapped parking areas. Parking is prohibited during school hours in areas adjacent to yellow curbs and as designated for bus loading.
7. Parking in designated parking lots at the high school campus during school hours is limited to those students who have been issued a permit in accordance with district policy and the procedures determined by the high school administration.
8. District administration may order any motor vehicle parked on district property in violation of this policy to be towed and impounded. The cost of such towing and impoundment is the responsibility of the owner or operator of the motor vehicle.
9. All persons parking motor vehicles on district property do so at their own risk. The district is not liable in the event of loss of property or damage to vehicles incurred while parked on district property or through the process of towing and impounding a motor vehicle.

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Appendix II to Policy 527

Edina High School Parking Permit Information

Full year and daily permits will be available for purchase at Edina High School. Twenty-five daily permits are available each day on a first-come, first-served basis.

Below is the parking prioritization plan.

1. Students who spend part of their day at PSEO will be eligible for a semester-only parking pass for each semester they are enrolled in the PSEO class.
2. 4 person carpools with at least one senior.
3. 3 person carpools with at least one senior.
4. 2 person carpools with at least one senior.
5. 4 person carpools with at least one junior.
6. 3 person carpools with at least one junior.
7. 2 person carpools with at least one junior.
8. Single cars with a senior
9. Single cars with a junior
10. Sophomore drivers and carpools

All students must park in the specific areas authorized by their parking permits.

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