



ADA Parking & Accessibility FAQ

Guidance for Principals, Athletic Directors, and Booster Organizations

The district is committed to providing accessible facilities and equal access to school programs, events, and activities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504, and Ohio accessibility requirements.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can accessible parking spaces be temporarily used for event staff, vendors, or reserved parking?

No. ADA-designated accessible parking spaces, including van-accessible spaces and access aisles, must remain available at all times for individuals with valid disability placards or plates. Blocking or repurposing these spaces is prohibited.

2. What is required for a van-accessible parking space?

Van-accessible spaces must include:

- Proper ADA signage
- A designated access aisle
- Sufficient width for wheelchair lifts and mobility devices
- A clear, unobstructed accessible route to the event entrance

Cones, equipment, tents, trailers, or booster activities may not block these areas.

3. Who is responsible for ensuring accessibility during events?

Anchored in Community & Illuminating Futures



The event organizer, administrator, or sponsoring group shares responsibility for ensuring ADA compliance during school events, including:

- Parking access
- Accessible seating
- Restroom access
- Entry routes
- Crowd flow and supervision

This includes school-sponsored and booster-sponsored events.

4. Can booster groups place tables, tents, raffles, or merchandise stands near entrances?

Yes, but accessible routes must remain open and unobstructed. ADA pathways, ramps, doorways, and sidewalks must maintain clear access for wheelchairs, walkers, and mobility devices.

5. What should staff do if accessible parking becomes full during an event?

Administrators or event supervisors should:

- Identify additional nearby accessible options if available
 - Maintain safe drop-off access
 - Avoid directing individuals with disabilities to unsafe or distant locations
 - Contact administration if temporary accommodations are needed
-

6. Are older school buildings exempt from ADA expectations?

No. While some older facilities may have structural limitations, schools must still make reasonable accommodations and maintain accessible access to programs and events whenever possible.

Anchored in Community & Illuminating Futures

329 Vine Street Fairport Harbor, OH 44077 • 440- 354- 5400 • www.fhevs.org