

## **Students**

### **Student Driving and Parking**

#### **Student Use of Motor Vehicles**

Students may request to bring their motor vehicles to school. 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**

The student use of automobiles on school grounds whether to drive or to park is a privilege and governed by Board of Education policy. All students park their vehicles at their own risk.

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 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. Recognizing that school buses shall have the right of way at all times.
  - E. Coming immediately and directly into the building from the parking area.
  - F. Signing of release by parents waiving all liability or property damage claims against the school, school officials and the Board of Education.
  - G. All traffic and parking signs on campus must be followed.

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### **Student Driving and Parking (continued)**

#### **Revocation of Permits**

1. Driving.
2. Reckless or dangerous driving on the school grounds.
3. Leaving the school grounds without permission.
4. Failure to park in the area designated.
5. Failure to follow posted traffic signs.
6. At the request of their parents.
7. Excessive tardiness. (see attendance policy)
8. Loitering of students in their cars.
9. Failing to give school buses the right of way at all times.
10. Failure to follow all CT Motor Vehicle regulations.
11. 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. Your cooperation in following these regulations is important to the protection of everyone.

#### **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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