

USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

A detailed description of the rights and responsibilities concerning student use of motor vehicles should be contained in the high school student handbook.

The following guidelines should be followed before a student is allowed to drive to and from school:

- A. Appropriate parking fee paid.
- B. Students under age eighteen (18) are to have their parents' permission to drive to school, in writing.
- C. Students shall complete the Student Vehicle Form and provide:
 - 1. driver's license;
 - 2. insurance certificate;
 - 3. license plate number.
- D. Driving to school, if approved, is a privilege. If abused in any way, it may be revoked at any time.
- E. When transportation is available through the district, students shall not drive to school-sponsored activities unless written permission is granted by their parents and approved by the principal.

No other students are allowed to be driven to a school-sponsored activity by the approved student driver without a note from parents granting permission and approval by the principal.

- F. Parking lot speed limit is 5 mph.

Parking of student vehicles at the high school will be provided:

- A. as an earned privilege to Mentor High School students;
- B. on the basis of participation in a Career Technical Education program which necessitates that a student drive to a job location and where transportation is not routinely provided by the Mentor School Board;
- C. on the basis of participation in post-secondary education option.

Parking permits will be issued to students according to the following guidelines:

A. Regular Permits

Regular student permits will be issued to students who have obtained senior status. Permits will be issued on the basis of a random-order/lottery system. In order to be eligible for the lottery, a student must meet the following criteria which are based upon the student's performance during the academic year prior to application for the parking permit.

1. Grade point average: 2.00 or above during the prior academic year.
2. Attendance: Not to exceed ten (10) absences per year. These will not include those absences for which the student has secured written verification of illness from a doctor. It is the student's responsibility to send this verification to the Attendance Office at Mentor High School prior to the completion of the random-order/lottery process.
3. Discipline: Not to exceed two (2) suspensions for the academic year. Both in-school and out-of-school suspensions are regarded as suspensions.

If insufficient seniors qualify for the lottery, the same selection procedure will be initiated for juniors. Also, any permit which has been revoked will be issued to the next student on the random-order/lottery list.

B. Career Technical Education Permits

Permits will be issued to all students according to the transportation needs associated with a specific CTE program. The CTE teacher will initiate applications for students in his/her program at the time driving becomes necessary for the student. When the student no longer requires this transportation, the parking permit will be returned to the Director of Operations Office by the CTE teacher.

C. Temporary Permits

Temporary permits will be issued to eleventh and twelfth grade students in cases of hardship at the discretion of building officials.

D. Revocation of Parking Privileges

A parking permit will be revoked for the remainder of the academic year when any of the following occurs:

1. The student's grade point average for any grading period falls below a 2.00.
2. The student has accumulated more than ten (10) absences. These will not include those absences for which the student has secured written verification of illness from a doctor.
3. The student has accumulated two (2) or more suspensions for infraction of Board Policy.

Continued eligibility of students with parking permits will be monitored on a quarterly basis. In the event a student no longer meets the eligibility criteria, s/he must return the permit to the Director of Operations Office immediately upon notification. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

- E. Rules to regulate the parking lot and actions of permit holders will be established by officials at Mentor High School. The rules will be listed on the application for parking. Students must comply with all guidelines as established. In a similar manner, officials at Mentor High School will also regulate the parking and traffic for staff members and visitors to the school.
- F. Failure to comply with the rules regulating the student parking may result in the following:
 1. Permanent or temporary loss of parking privileges.
 2. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense as determined by school officials. These will include, but are not limited to, parking without a permit. Any vehicle which is parked on school property without a permit will usually first receive a warning by means of a parking "ticket." Additional violations will result in school disciplinary consequences. School officials, however, may tow a vehicle at any time, without prior warning.