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Student Parking at AHS – General Information

We would love for every student with a license, insurance, and a car to be able to park at AHS. We do not want to have to limit our parking, and we definitely do not like for students and parents to be inconvenienced with transportation issues. However, we are still a very large school with many students who have access to a car that they can use for transportation to and from school. As a result, we still have very limited parking space at AHS.

Seniors are able to “reserve” a parking sticker for 2009-2010 on May 13 and May 20, 2009. Juniors (and seniors who do not register in May) will enter a “lottery” drawing for remaining stickers. The lottery sign-up date(s) are Thursday August 27 and Friday August 28, 2009 (in the food court) and the lottery drawing will be held during the second week of school. Drivers license and insurance are not required to sign up for the lottery but necessary when you pick up your permit!)

STUDENT PARKING – Handbook Information

Requirements to purchase a parking permit:

- Completed application form
- Valid Texas Drivers License
- Proof of Insurance showing student’s name as the insured driver on the vehicle to be parked on campus
- \$25.00 **CASH**
- Year, Make, Model, Color, and Texas License Plate number on vehicle
- Clear on “fine/not clear” list

Each VEHICLE will be required to properly display a valid AHS Parking Permit on the BOTTOM passenger side of the FRONT window (Apply the sticker using the adhesive backing. Please do not tape the sticker to the window). Students not in compliance will be fined, may lose parking privileges, and may be “booted” or towed at the owner’s expense.

PARKING VIOLATIONS

Parking Violations Subject To A Fine Of \$35.00 And Being “Booted”

- Possession of VOIDED parking permit
- No VALID permit displayed on Vehicle
- Parking in a FIRE ZONE, TEACHER’S LOT, VISITOR PARKING, RED ZONE, OR HAZARD (yellow) zone.

- Parking in HANDICAP ZONE.
- Displaying a stolen, duplicated, borrowed, revoked, or forged permit.

Violations subject to disciplinary action and/or loss of parking permit

- Vehicles must be legally parked in a single parking space in the student parking area only. Student vehicles parked anywhere else on campus without written authorization from the appropriate principal will result in a fine of \$35 and a temporary loss of parking privileges. Repeat offenders will be fined and will lose their parking privileges for an extended period of time, and could lose their parking privileges for the remainder of the year.
- Students must exit the vehicle upon arrival and IMMEDIATELY enter the food court area.
- A 10 mph speed limit is strictly enforced on campus.
- Driving conduct such as reckless driving, racing, allowing a person to cling/ride on the hood/trunk of the vehicle, dangerous maneuvers, squealing of tires by force, excessive noise, and/or driving in non-designated areas shall result in a loss of parking privileges, administrative disciplinary action, and/or police intervention.
- If your driving to school causes a “discipline problem” (leaving campus without permission, skipping class, tardiness, etc.), you will lose parking privileges.
- Students are not allowed to return to their vehicles and are not allowed in the parking lot during school hours without the permission of an Assistant Principal. Being in the parking lot without authorization will result in administrative disciplinary action and a loss of parking privileges.
- Students leaving campus, or allowing other student to borrow their vehicle to leave campus, without authorization from an Assistant Principal will be subject to administrative disciplinary action and a loss of parking privileges for up to the remainder of the school year.

If a student with a parking permit will be leaving school during the day, the student must bring a permission note with a signature from a parent/guardian to the attendance office with a phone number that can be called to verify the student is to leave campus. No student will be given permission to leave campus without going through the attendance office for proper verification before leaving.

- If officials of the school district have reason to believe you have anything in your vehicle that is in violation of the law or Fort Bend ISD board policy, you may be requested to open your vehicle for a search by a school official or designee.
- **If in your car, you are found to possess alcohol, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, any illegal or controlled substance, or prohibited weapon, you will lose your parking sticker for the rest of the school year.**
- **The “Red Zone” which encompasses a portion of the student parking lot area is designated as the marching band practice area. Failure to remove your vehicle from the Red Zone by 2:45 p.m. shall result in a \$35 fine and a loss of parking privileges.**
- There is a \$35.00 fee to remove the “boot” from a vehicle. The boot must be removed by the police officer or designee only.
- **Parking stickers are non-transferable and can not be given, sold, or loaned to any other student. Students can not register for, or purchase parking stickers with the intent to give or sell the sticker to another student.**
- **The purchasing or selling of parking permits, the attempt to purchase or sell a parking permit, or any attempt to circumvent these regulations will result in the forfeiture of the permit, loss of the money spent, loss of parking privileges, and will result in administrative disciplinary action, as well as possible police action.**

If you are caught using a permit that is not your own, besides receiving a \$35 fine: 9th and 10th grade students will forfeit their opportunity to enter the parking lottery as a junior. 11th grade students will forfeit their “senior privilege” to reserve a sticker for their senior year, and will have to enter the junior lottery drawing for a chance to purchase a permit.

- If you change vehicles during the school year, you must complete a “change form” and provide insurance information (showing student’s name) on the vehicle you will be driving on campus.
- If the car you registered is involved in a wreck, is stolen, or is sold, and you wish to register a different car, you must provide documentation: i.e.-police report or sales invoice, to justify the issuance of a replacement-parking permit. **There will be no re-issuing of lost/stolen permits.**
- If for any reason you drive a vehicle to school other than the one registered, YOU MUST, upon arrival to school go to Office 107 (across from the clinic) and register the vehicle you are driving and provide vehicle information including the LICENSE PLATE NO. You MUST register every day that you drive a temporary vehicle Failure to report any vehicle changes will result in a fine of \$35, and may result in the loss of parking privileges. **NO TEMPORARY PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED TO STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ALREADY POSSES A VALID PARKING PERMIT.**

Students who withdraw from AHS must turn in their parking permit to the Assistant Principal before the withdrawal procedure is considered complete.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When will the seniors who reserved stickers in May 2008 be able to pick them up?

A: The dates and times have not been set at this time, but will be just before school starts in August. A letter will be sent at the end of July communicating the dates and times. The items a student will need to pick up the sticker are as follows:

1. A valid Texas driver’s license
2. Proof that he is listed as an insured driver on the vehicle that will be parked at AHS (The form must have the student’s name listed not just the name of the parent/guardian)
3. He must not have any outstanding fines or fees at AHS
4. He will also need to bring the registration form stating the color, make, model **and license plate number of the vehicle.**
5. Proof that he/she has credits to be listed as a senior when school begins. (see next Question)

Q: I reserved a sticker in May but I failed some classes and am not registered as a senior. I will be a senior in January and still plan on graduating in May. May I pick up the sticker that I reserved in May?

A: No. When you reserved a sticker in May you signed for, and received rules that stated that you must be on our records as a senior in August 2009. The rules stated that due to failure to gain all credits needed for senior status, some 2008-2009 juniors may still be juniors in August. In this situation, the junior student will need to enter the lottery drawing. If the student does not get a sticker in the lottery, the money that was paid to reserve the sticker will be refunded.

Q: When will the juniors (and seniors who didn't reserve a sticker in May) sign up for the lottery?

A: The students will sign up for the parking sticker lottery at the end of the first week of school. More details will be forthcoming. Signs will be posted in the building. Notice will be given on the web site, on announcements, on the sign board, and through our Parent Line.

Q: I am a junior and I plan on entering the lottery. How many parking stickers are usually left for juniors?

A: We have approximately 600 student parking spaces. Usually, seniors reserve around 450 spots in May, leaving around 150 for juniors. . With a smaller senior class this coming year, we should be able to get stickers to most juniors entering the lottery. We normally have about 325 juniors entering the lottery. We will give out enough parking stickers in the lottery to "fill" the 600 parking spots. As the year progresses we will slowly "overbook" the lot (not overfilling it because not everyone drives every day), having around 650 students with parking stickers.

Q: There is a small gravel lot by the bus ramp. Can students park in the gravel lot?

A: No. That area of the building is for bus transportation and delivery only. Students driving or parking in that area and walking across the bus ramp would make an unsafe situation. Parents and students should not drive or park in the bus ramp area.

Q: A friend who is a senior has reserved a sticker but is not going to use it. Can I use the sticker?

A: No. Parking stickers are non-transferable and can not be given, sold, or loaned to any other student. Students can not register for, or purchase parking stickers with the intent to give or sell the sticker to another student. (See the rules above for consequences of this action.)

Q: I am a junior student and I have insurance, a car, and a license. My friend is a senior who does not have a car. Can he buy a sticker and use it on my car?

A: No. Parking stickers are non-transferable and can not be given, sold, or loaned to any other student. Students can not register for, or purchase parking stickers with the intent to give or sell the sticker to another student. (See the rules above for consequences of this action.)

Q: Are special considerations given for parking stickers when students are in athletics or other extracurricular activities?

A: No. We go by class status: Seniors can reserve a sticker in May. Juniors may enter the lottery at the beginning of school. Students involved in sports, fine arts, after school clubs etc. do not get special treatment. Students in extracurricular activities must secure their own arrangements for transportation. Sophomores and Freshmen are not issued parking stickers.

Q: Sometimes "emergencies" (parent is out of town, my usual ride to school is sick, etc.) come up that "require" a student to drive to school. If an emergency happens can a student without a parking sticker get a "temporary sticker" for a day or a few days?

A: No. The number of parking spaces is limited. We “overbook” the lot to give the maximum number of students possible a chance to park on campus. There are no extra “temporary sticker” parking spaces. As with students who are not old enough to drive, parents and students are responsible for making transportation arrangements in the case of “emergencies”. Transportation to school, by bus, is provided by the district if the student meets the district criteria for bus service.

Q: I’ve heard of temporary stickers at AHS. What are they for if not for students without stickers?

A: Students **who have a parking sticker**, and who for a valid reason (car in the shop) need to drive a different car to school, may register a temporary vehicle for a short period of time. The student must go to Office 107 to register vehicle information including LICENSE PLATE NO. of the temporary vehicle EVERY DAY the temporary vehicle is driven on campus.

Q: I have a parking sticker but I am going to move soon. May I give or sell my sticker to a friend?

A: No. The sticker will need to be turned in along with textbooks when you withdrawal from AHS. Parking stickers are non-transferable and can not be given, sold, or loaned to any other student. Students can not register for, or purchase parking stickers with the intent to give or sell the sticker to another student.

When students’ withdrawal spots are opened up for students who entered the lottery drawing, the stickers will be given out in the order that was drawn in the lottery.

Q: My insurance card has my parents’ names on it instead of mine, but I am an insured driver for the car. Will I be able to use the card to get my sticker?

A: No. The insurance card issued from the insurance company must list the student as the insured driver on the vehicle parked at AHS.

Q: My insurance card lists me as an insured driver on a small car. Since gas has gotten so expensive my dad is going to drive the small car to work and let me drive the SUV to school. Will I be allowed to drive the SUV even though my insurance card shows that I am insured for the other car?

A: No. Your insurance card must show that you are the insured driver on the vehicle that you will be parking on campus.

Q: I have heard that you can have your parking sticker taken away for breaking school rules, is that true?

A: Yes. Having a parking sticker is a privilege that can be revoked temporarily or permanently. Loss of privileges could result from, but are not limited to, infractions such as:

Possessing alcohol, marijuana, illegal or controlled substances or prohibited weapons

Parking in unauthorized or illegal areas

Reckless or unsafe driving or speeding

Remaining in the vehicle in the morning, rather than leaving the vehicle to enter the building

Returning to the vehicle during the day without authorization

Allowing others to borrow the vehicle to leave campus

Leaving campus without authorization

If driving to school causes a “discipline problem” (leaving campus without permission, skipping class, tardiness, etc.), you could lose parking privileges.