

STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL VEHICLES

The Morehouse Parish School Board shall require any student operating any motor vehicle on a school campus to have a valid personal driver's license, vehicle license, and proof of liability insurance for the vehicle driven.

At the time of student registration, or at the beginning of each school year, each student shall register his/her vehicle and vehicle license number with the principal or his/her designee. The school shall provide a school parking permit to be placed in the window of each student-driven vehicle that has been registered. A copy of the student's driver's license and proof of insurance shall be submitted at the time of vehicle registration.

Registration of the vehicle with school officials shall constitute permission by the owner to consent to a search of the vehicle by school officials or other properly authorized individuals when circumstances warrant, in accordance with School Board policy or for health, safety, or security reasons. A student failing to register his/her vehicle shall surrender his/her right to operate vehicles on the school campus.

If a student operates a vehicle in an unsafe manner on the school campus or at school related activities, the student may lose his/her privilege to operate a vehicle on campus. Any person who observes such actions shall report them to the principal or his/her designee. No more than one warning shall be given to a student concerning unsafe vehicle operation. A second instance of unsafe operation shall result in loss of parking privileges.

If a student parks off campus during school hours or while attending school related activities and violates state or local motor vehicles laws and/or parking regulations, the student may be subject to consequences including, but not limited to, ticketing, towing of the vehicle at the owner's expense, or criminal charges as prescribed by law. The School Board shall not be responsible for the consequences of such violations.

Safety rules shall include the following:

1. All cars, trucks, motorcycles, motorbikes, motor scooters, and bicycles shall be parked in the prescribed place designated by the principal and may not be moved during the school day without permission of the principal or his/her designee.
2. All schools may control this parking area by means of permits, for which the school may make a charge. No student will be allowed parking privileges unless this permit has been obtained and displayed in the window of the vehicle.
3. Vehicles shall be vacated immediately upon arrival and may be reentered only at the time of authorized departure.
4. The student driver assumes responsibility for the conduct of those he permits to

ride with him/her.

5. Students shall not sit in cars parked on the campus or on the streets surrounding the school any time during school hours or during school related activities.
6. No student may leave school during the school day or during lunch period unless he/she is checked out by his/her parents or legal guardian. If an automobile is used by the student checking out, no one may ride in the automobile except with approval of parents or legal guardians of all passengers, as well as the driver.
7. When unauthorized cars are found on the student parking lot during regular school hours, owner will be given one (1) hour to remove the vehicle. If the vehicle has not been removed in that time, police or other agency will be requested to remove the vehicle.
8. Any student who operates a motor vehicle on school property shall be subject to the random drug testing requirements in order to protect the students and faculty on the school campus as outlined in policy *IDFAA, Student Athlete and Extracurricular Participant Drug Testing*. Anytime a student refuses to be tested, he/she shall have all driving privileges on school campus suspended for the remainder of the school year. The names of all students who drive on a high school campus shall be placed in the testing pool.
9. Violation of traffic or school parking rules, unsafe driving on campus or possession of illegal materials in vehicle (firearms, alcohol, drugs, etc.) shall be cause for revocation of the student's parking privileges.

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