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7480 MOTOR VEHICLES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The school grounds owned and maintained by this Board of Education are subject to damage by motor vehicles. Accordingly, the board has provided areas, adjacent to the school building, in which employees of the district and visitors to the school may drive and park motor vehicles, subject to their compliance with this policy.

The Board prohibits the use or presence of any motor vehicle, including motorcycles, all terrain vehicles, snow mobiles, and mopeds, for any purpose on any part of the school property owned by the Board other than the driving and parking areas established by the Board except as expressly permitted by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

The Board directs the Superintendent to have conspicuous notices posted forbidding the parking of motor vehicles in undesignated areas of the school grounds.

The Board reserves the right to prosecute in a court of competent jurisdiction any person whose violation of this policy results in damage to the property of this district.

Parking on School Grounds

Only authorized vehicles shall be permitted to park in the designated school parking areas at any time (24 hours per day, 7 days per week). Individuals that may be authorized to park on school property are staff members, board members, parents/guardians visiting the school, volunteers and other visitors. Staff members, board members, regular volunteers and regular contracted service providers shall register their vehicle with the school /business office and be issued a school parking tag.

Other visitors, contracted service providers, volunteers and parents/guardians that do not have a school parking tag shall be required to provide their license plate number when checking in at the main office.

Any vehicle that cannot be identified shall be towed off school property at the owner's expense.

The Chief School Administrator/designee shall ensure the posting of highly visible signs, that are no smaller than 36 inches high and 36 inches wide, in all parking areas, stating:

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- (A) The purpose for which parking is authorized and the times during which such parking is permitted;
- (B) That unauthorized parking is prohibited and unauthorized motor vehicles will be towed at the motor vehicle owner's expense;
- (C) The name, address and telephone number of the towing company that will perform the towing;
- (D)The charges for the towing and storage of towed motor vehicles;
- (E) The street address of the storage facility where the towed vehicles can be redeemed after payment of the posted charges and the times during which the vehicle may be redeemed; and
- (F) Such contract information for the Division of Consumer Affairs as may be required by regulation.

Towing of Unauthorized Vehicles

The Board will enter into a contract with a private towing company to remove unauthorized vehicles from school property at the vehicle owner's expense. The towing and storage fees to be charged by the towing company to the owners of removed unauthorized vehicles shall be reasonable and not in excess of the usual and customary rates charged for such services in the area. The Board shall seek proposals from towing companies that meet the eligibility criteria set forth in the Board's Request for Proposal prior to entering a contract. Among the required criteria to be satisfied by the towing company selected to enter into a contract with the Board are that the towing company's storage facility be secure and located within a reasonable distance of the property from which the vehicle is towed, that the towing company fees be reasonable and only as permitted by the New Jersey Predatory Towing Prevention Act, that the company's business office be open to the public between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at least five days a week, and that the towing company make a reasonable accommodation for after-hours release of stored vehicles.

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