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Student Parking Registration Instructions

Many of our high school students exercise the privilege of driving to Metuchen High School. Driving to school is a privilege which we offer to our licensed students, and we have a number of practices in place to ensure that traffic safety laws are met and students who drive do so safely and with respect toward vehicle registration, insurance, and licensing laws.

PARKING PRIVILEGE ELIGIBILITY FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Class of 2027

Seniors must maintain at least a 90% attendance and tardy rate* during the Spring 2026 Semester to be eligible to park on campus in the Fall 2026 Semester. In order to remain eligible for parking in the Spring 2027 Semester, Seniors must maintain at least a 90% attendance and tardy rate* during the Fall 2027 Semester.

Class of 2028

Class of 2028 students are not eligible to park on campus during the Fall 2026 Semester. However, in order to become eligible to park on campus for the Spring 2027 Semester, Juniors who receive their license during the course of the 2026-2027 school year must maintain at least a 90% attendance and tardy rate* during the Fall 2026 Semester.

**90% Attendance and Tardy Rate equates to a student being absent from school or tardy to school 9 times or less during the Fall 2025 Semester.*

In order to be granted permission to drive to school, any student who wishes to park on Metuchen High School property must complete the following steps:

1. Meet the Attendance & Tardy Rate, as described in the Student Parking Eligibility Section of the Student Life Portion of the Handbook.
2. Pass all New Jersey written and road test driving exams and obtain a legal drivers' license.
3. Log into Genesis parent portal after receiving drivers' license and access "FORMS".
4. Locate the "Student Driver Agreement" form and open the document.
5. Once in the Student Driver Agreement:
    a. Open the hyperlink entitled "Student Driver Regulations". Read this form in its entirety.
    b. Open the hyperlink entitled "Student Driver Agreement" and enter all information. You will be required to upload copies of your current car registration, current car insurance, and drivers' license.
    c. Submit the form electronically using the "SUBMIT" button at the bottom of the form

Parking stickers will be distributed by the Main Office after all documents are reviewed and deemed complete and accurate. Once you have received your parking sticker, it must be displayed as per the instructions provided with the sticker. You are authorized to drive on school property once you have received, and are properly displaying your parking sticker. Due to the ongoing construction projects on the grounds of Metuchen High School, student parking is extremely limited. Parking passes will be distributed on a first come, first served basis until Administration determines that there are no longer any parking spots available on school property. Students who do not possess or are not issued a parking permit must park on Metuchen Borough streets adjacent to the school. Students must be aware of and follow all Metuchen Police Department parking regulations and must be courteous to our neighbors.

Students who do receive a parking pass may only park in the approved student parking lot and may not park in faculty/staff lots, fire lanes, driveways, traffic circles, or elsewhere on the property. Additionally, parking instructions and available lots may change throughout the school year based upon the requirements of ongoing building maintenance and construction projects. Students are responsible for complying with the most recent parking instructions as set forth by building Administration throughout the entire school year.

Please remember that driving to Metuchen High School is a privilege which we are happy to extend to our student drivers, but one that must not be abused. Failure to register your car to park on MHS property, speeding or reckless driving, hit and run accidents, or any other infractions may result in loss of parking privileges at the discretion of building administration.

STUDENT DRIVER REGULATIONS

Parking on school grounds is a privilege we are happy to extend to you, provided you comply with the regulations. Because the safety of all of us depends on responsible driving behavior, regulation violations will result in disciplinary action and/or suspension of parking privileges.

1. Students must meet the eligibility requirements in order to park on campus. Please review the Student Parking Eligibility Section located in the Student Life Section of this Handbook.
2. Students who intend to take a car on school grounds must register their vehicle online through Genesis. This regulation applies even if the car is only brought to school occasionally. Students with unregistered vehicles will receive disciplinary action.
3. Traffic flow on school grounds should stay to the right at all times, especially around the circle, and should follow the painted arrows.
4. The speed limit on school grounds is 5 mph. Your privilege will be REVOKED immediately for any offense of this regulation.
5. Students must park only in the student parking area in unnumbered spots. Be aware of the reserved parking spaces and the fire lanes designated by yellow lines.
6. Parking in unauthorized areas will result in disciplinary action or suspension of parking privileges.
7. The parking lot on Mason Drive (front of the school) is for use by STAFF MEMBERS ONLY. Students found to be violating this regulation will be subject to disciplinary action or loss of parking privileges.
8. Students who use their vehicles to leave school grounds without permission and/or take other students in the process will lose their parking privileges.
9. Students may not leave the building and visit their cars during the school day for any reason, without explicit permission by building administration.
10. Traffic regulations on school grounds are under police jurisdiction and violations are subject to prosecution. Students are expected to follow all traffic laws and practice good driver courtesy at all times

Metuchen High School is an Idle-Free Zone: Turn the key, be idle free!! If you are going to wait more than ten seconds, turn your vehicle off!

STUDENT LOSS OF PARKING PRIVILEGES

As described above, students may receive disciplinary actions or loss of parking privileges based upon their inability to follow the regulations identified above. In addition, students who opt to park in a numbered parking spot that is reserved for staff will receive the following disciplinary actions:

- First Violation - Any student who parks in a designated staff parking spot will receive one warning with the expectation of immediately moving their vehicle for the day and losing parking privileges for five days.
- Second Violation - Suspension of parking privileges for the semester.

STUDENT LOSS OF PARKING ELIGIBILITY

As specifically described in the Student Parking Eligibility Section of the Handbook (located in the Student Life Section), students must maintain good attendance in order to park on campus.