Houston County High School

Student Parking Lot Rules

2025-2026

• To receive a parking permit, students must present a valid Georgia driver’s license OR eligibility to receive a valid Georgia driver’s license, up-to-date insurance, and registration.

• The Houston County Board of Education is not responsible for losses or damages, including bodily injury, to the property of users of its facilities.

• The school administration reserves the right to suspend or revoke parking privileges without a refund for the cost of a permit.

• While on campus, your vehicle and all belongings contained in your vehicle are subject to search at any time.

• On school days, student vehicles are not allowed to park closer than the Side Parking “BEAR” Lot, including areas near the baseball field, bus ramp, greenhouse, the rear of the old gym, or parking areas around the new gym until after 3:15 PM. After this time, only students participating in extracurricular activities should be parked in these areas.

• Within your designated parking lot, you are to park on the paved surface between the two white lines designating a parking space. Parking on the sidewalks, curbs, or medians is not permitted.

• Parking permits cost $50 for the school year, with the cost lowered to $25 at Christmas Break for only 2nd semester. No reduced cost permits will be sold intermittently through either semester.

• Student drivers should not arrive at the school until 7:30am unless required to be on campus before that time for tutoring or a meeting. They should park their vehicle and remain in THEIR OWN car until 7:50. No student drivers are permitted inside the building until after 7:50am. When you have been dismissed for the day, you must leave the parking lot immediately. All students must be off campus prior to 3:20pm unless in a supervised after school activity. There is to be NO gathering in the parking lots before or after school.

• Students are not allowed to ride in the back of a pickup truck or the outside of any other vehicle except a motorcycle. This includes hanging outside the window of a vehicle or standing through a sunroof.

• Report all accidents to the front office/school administration immediately.

• On-campus student parking is a privilege provided by Houston County High School. Violations of parking lot rules may result in your permit being suspended or revoked.

There are several actions that will cause your parking permit to be suspended or revoked. The following list is general in nature and does not include all infractions that may result in the disciplinary action indicated:

• Driving through the Central Registration parking lot

• Parking in the wrong lot

• Going to the parking lots during the school day without permission from an administrator

• Leaving campus without permission

• Congregating in the parking lot before school or entering the building prior to 7:50.

• Congregating in the parking lot after school and not immediately leaving campus upon dismissal.

• Violating any Houston County School System rules regarding alcohol, drugs, or weapons • Violating any rules applicable to Georgia highways

• Reckless driving

Students who violate parking procedures will be issued a signed parking violation notice for each

infraction. The consequences for parking violations are as follows:

1. Warning

2. 5-day Permit Suspension

3. 10-day Permit Suspension

4. Permit suspended for the remainder of the semester

\*\*Repeated violators of any of the above rules, or those students who repeatedly park on campus without purchasing a parking permit will be subject to having their vehicle towed from campus at owner’s expense. Prior to towing for repeated violations, a notice of the consequence upon the next violation will be mailed to the address provided in Infinite Campus.\*\*

School administration reserves the right to implement consequences in any order based upon the severity of the parking/lot violation.

Lot Assignments:

Students will be assigned parking lot on a first-come, first-served basis until the maximum number of available spaces in the lot are sold. Students will not have the option to choose their specific parking space, as specific spaces in the lots are not assigned. Students are permitted to park in any available student space in their assigned parking lot.

o Dual-enrolled (off-campus) and Work-based Learning Students – “BEAR” LOT (Side Parking)

o On-campus All Day – “H” LOT (Back of Campus)

o Overflow (sold after all “H” and “Bear” lot spaces are sold)– “HWY 96” LOT (Front of campus)

• “H” LOT – This lot is located behind the two-story building on the south side of campus. Access to this lot is from Jerry Barker Blvd.

o Students parking in “H” LOT must take a left onto Jerry Barker Blvd. when leaving in the afternoons.

•“BEAR” LOT - This lot is located on the westside of our campus across from the Competition Gym. Access to this lot is off Bear County Blvd.

o Students parking in “BEAR” LOT must take a right onto Bear Country Blvd. when leaving campus in the afternoon.

• “HWY 96” LOT - This lot is located in the front of the school. Access to this lot is off Hwy 96. This lot is initially reserved only for students who participate in fine arts extracurricular activities. It will then be used for overflow parking assignment once all other spaces in the “BEAR” and “H” lots are sold.

Medical Restriction Notice

Per Georgia Law (O.C.G.A 40-5-35), no person may operate a vehicle if they have had a seizure within the previous six months unless they have been medically cleared by a physician. As a result, the parking privileges of any student who has had a seizure within the previous six months will be suspended or not issued pending signed medical clearance by a physician presented to the attendance office.