



Brookwood High School

Home of the Panthers

Student Parking Regulations 2020-2021

Student parking at BHS is a privilege, not a right. Applications and granted permits are evaluated in an ongoing process based on the students' attendance, academics, and behavior.

In accordance with Tuscaloosa County School System's policy, any student operating a motorized vehicle on school premises shall do so in accordance with Alabama traffic laws and such rules and regulations as may be formulated by local school officials. The privilege to operate a private vehicle on school property will be revoked if safety rules are violated. In an effort to maintain order and safety in and on school parking facilities, school personnel are authorized to require students operating motorized vehicles on campus to purchase parking decals.

Every vehicle must have a parking decal for the current year on it, or the vehicle may be towed at the owner's expense. Any damage during the towing process will not be the responsibility of the towing company, Brookwood High School, or the Tuscaloosa County School System.

STUDENT DRIVING REGULATIONS

The Tuscaloosa County School System's Board of Education encourages all students to utilize the transportation provided by the District. The Board also recognizes that students have legitimate reasons for driving to school. Approval to drive to school must be secured from local school administration and/or their designee, and students must follow any rules set by that administration. Driving to school is a privilege, not a right. Students can lose this privilege for improper conduct and/or violations of District policies.

1. Student drivers must register their vehicles and pay the registration fee required for their particular parking decal. Proof of insurance must be provided at the time of registration. ***If a student has unpaid school fees, these must be paid BEFORE the student will be issued a parking decal. * Parking fees are not refundable. Parking fees will not be prorated for none use such as for remote learners, suspensions, transfers, and/or any other separation from parking privileges.**
 - a. Parking Fees:
 - i. Co-op Spots: \$30
 - ii. Red Decal Senior Spots (65 total): \$30
 - iii. Regular Parking: \$30
 - iv. Pit/Gravel Lot: \$30
2. Student drivers must observe and obey all traffic regulations in effect at Brookwood High School (dismissal procedures, parking areas, etc.); otherwise, the privilege of the student to drive to school will be denied or revoked.
3. Students are to park in the designated parking spot.
4. It is the responsibility of the student to provide update insurance information when a change in insurance coverage is made or at the time of a renewal. If an insurance verification cannot be made,

the students' parking and driving privileges will be revoked until such time that valid insurance coverage can be verified.

5. Students are **NOT** permitted to park in the faculty/staff parking lot.
6. Cell phone use while operating a vehicle on school property is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.
7. Vehicle problems, parking problems, or a forgotten tag does not result in an excused tardy or absence.
8. All accidents on school property must be reported to an administrator immediately.
9. Cruising around the school is not permitted.
10. Lost or stolen parking permits must be reported immediately to Major West or an administrator.
11. Students are **NOT** permitted in vehicles or parking lots during school hours.
12. Students are **NOT** permitted to loiter in their cars before or after school. All students are to enter the school building immediately upon arriving at school and will leave the parking lot as soon as they are released from school for the day.
13. Any student who is issued a parking decal may lose their privilege to park on any Brookwood High School property if the student uses the vehicle to leave school without permission. A second offense will result in a suspension of parking privileges for the remainder of the school year.
14. Student vehicles are required to be locked at all times. Brookwood High School, the Tuscaloosa County School System, nor its Board of Education is not responsible for any theft or damages to vehicles while parked on school property. Students are strongly encouraged **NOT** to leave valuables in vehicles.
15. The student acknowledges that he/she will be held personally responsible for any contraband discovered within their vehicle, regardless of ownership of the vehicle. Student drivers will ensure that no weapons, alcohol, tobacco products, illegal substances or any other items prohibited by school system policy will be stored in any vehicle that he or she operates on school premises.
16. A student's vehicle may be searched by school officials or their designee, without notice or consent, if there is a reasonable suspicion that there is a violation of the law or of rules, regulations or policies of the Tuscaloosa County School District while the automobile is parked on school grounds. Every effort will be made to have the vehicle unlocked by the student before proceeding with the search. **A student who refuses to cooperate in allowing a search of a vehicle brought by him or her on school property shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including long-term suspension or expulsion.**
17. Parking decals must be visibly displayed on the vehicle's rearview mirror.
18. **PARKING DECALS ARE NOT TRANSFERRABLE!** They are for the listed vehicle **ONLY!** Decals found in vehicles not listed on the parking form will be confiscated. Decals may not be LENT to other students.
19. Any student driver violating the parking regulations will be subjected to in-school or out-of-school suspension and/or have parking privileges revoked. Parking violations may warrant a vehicle being towed off of school property at the owner's expense.
20. Any violations of District policy related to weapons, drugs, alcohol and/or any controlled substances/paraphernalia may result in the revocation of parking privileges for the remainder of the corresponding school year.
21. Attendance at school, arriving on time, and good behavior are all important to student success. Parking privileges will be revoked at Administration's discretion if a student has an excessive number of unexcused absences and/or tardies and/or excessive discipline referrals during any grading period. ****FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED IF PARKING PRIVILEGES ARE SUSPENDED/REVOKED.**** See the guidelines listed below.
 - a. **Unexcused Absences**
 - i. 2 unexcused absences: conference regarding on-campus driving privileges
 - ii. 4 unexcused absences: on-campus driving warning letter sent home to parents and given to students
 - iii. 6 unexcused absences: parking privileges are suspended for a full 9 week's grading period. At the end of the driving suspension, each student's absences will be reviewed and parking privileges will be reinstated on an individual basis.

- iv. ****If a student continues to accumulate unexcused absences (10 consecutive unexcused absences or 15 total unexcused absences in a semester), an Alabama State Driver's License compliance form will be completed and submitted to the Department of Public Safety's, Driver Improvement division.**

b. Unexcused Tardies

- i. A tardy is defined as a student's arrival after the official time set for the commencement of the respective school's regular daily activities (i.e., homeroom, roll call, etc.). Tardiness is a Class I Offense in the Student Code of Conduct. Tardiness, for the most part, reflects improper planning and a disregard for punctuality. Tardiness to school is not distinguished as excused or unexcused. If a student is late, he/she is considered tardy.
1. 4th unexcused tardy/check-in: may result in 1 week revocation of driving privileges
 2. 5th unexcused tardy/check-in: may result in 2 weeks revocation of driving privileges
 3. 6th unexcused tardy/check-in: may result in 4 weeks revocation of driving privileges
 4. 7th unexcused tardy/check-in: may result in driving privileges revoked for a full 9 week's grading period. At the end of the driving suspension, each student's attendance will be reviewed and parking privileges will be reinstated on an individual basis.

22. Consequences include, but are not limited to:

- i. Revocation of parking privileges for a specific period of time
- ii. Loss of parking in current lot...relegated to the pit.
- iii. Parking fines up to \$40 each.
- iv. Vehicle towing at the expense of the owner.
- v. Revocation of driver's license.

****Only students who have a valid Alabama State Driver's License, proof of insurance, and good attendance and discipline records will be issued a parking permit. NO PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED TO STUDENTS WITH CHRONIC ATTENDANCE PROBLEMS OR SEVERE DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS! ***

By signing below, I am indicating that I have read and understand all information contained in this document. If I have any questions regarding any of the rules or regulations listed, I have asked and have been provided with an explanation.

_____	_____	_____
Student Name (Printed)	Student Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL (Official Use Only)

ONLINE REGISTRATION COMPLETE Y or N

PARKING LOT _____ PARKING PERMIT NUMBER _____ PARKING SPACE NUMBER _____

RECEIPT OF PAYMENT: Y or N INSURANCE VALID: Y or N INSURANCE EXPIRATION DATE _____

ALABAMA DRIVER'S LICENSE VALID: Y or NO DRIVER'S LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE _____