# 223. USE OF BICYCLES/MOTOR VEHICLES/SKATEBOARDS

**1. Purpose**

The Board regards the use of bicycles and motor vehicles for travel to and from school by students as an assumption of responsibility by parents/guardians and students.

**2. Authority**

The Board will permit the use of bicycles and motorized vehicles in accordance with the following rules:

## General School Regulations And Information

Those students driving cars, riding motorcycles, bicycles, etc., as a means of transportation to school shall abide by the regulations concerning same. Unless the following rules are observed, privileges of bringing the vehicles on the school grounds will be taken away. Drivers guilty of serious driving offenses on school property will be reported to a District Justice for action.

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1. The Board shall permit the use of motor vehicles by secondary students in accordance with district rules, provided that such students are licensed drivers, have parental permission, and have been issued a current parking permit to drive and park a motor vehicle on school grounds.

2. These vehicles shall not be used during the noon period or during the regular school day from 7:40 a.m. until 2:20 p.m. except by permission from the high school principal or such person who may be authorized by the high school principal to give such permission. All students are required to register the vehicle(s) which they drive to school in the Student Services Office. Proper forms are always available.

3. All student vehicles in the parking lots of the school shall be parked in designated areas.
### 4. Guidelines

#### Student Parking

Student parking on school grounds is a privilege granted by the district and is subject to the rules and regulations as adopted by the district.

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<td>4.</td>
<td>The vehicles shall be driven or ridden in a proper and safe manner while on school grounds, both when arriving in the morning and when leaving in the afternoon. <strong>Ten (10) Miles Per Hour</strong> limit shall be observed on the driveways and parking lot.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Special care shall be exercised by operators of all vehicles while buses are loading or unloading and under no condition shall an automobile, scooter, or bicycle pass on the right side while the bus is loading or unloading passengers on the school grounds.</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Loitering in cars in the morning before school or during any lunch period (10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) shall not be practiced, and no car shall be entered at any time without permission of the owners. Loitering in or out of cars with visitors will not be tolerated at any time during the noon hour. If you need to meet anyone at noon time on the school grounds for a very definite purpose, please so state to the high school principal. The parking lot shall be considered out of bounds during the school day.</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>The practice of driving to school and picking up friends to go for a ride before school opens is not approved. This has proven to be dangerous in several instances.</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>The school cannot be held liable for any thefts or damages to automobiles.</td>
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<td>Unauthorized vehicles on school property may be subject to prosecution for criminal trespass.</td>
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### 3. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop rules and regulations for operating and parking of bicycles and motor vehicles and shall disseminate those rules to affected students.

The building principal or designee shall establish standards for granting permits, which contain the warning that infraction of these rules, may result in revocation of the permit.
Each student shall be informed of the conditions governing the ability to park his/her vehicle on school grounds when parking permits are issued and shall be required to sign waiver forms acknowledging that his/her vehicle is parked on school district property, and that s/he has only a limited expectation of privacy in his/her vehicle while it is on school grounds.

School authorities may search any automobile driven onto school district property by a student and may seize any illegal materials if reasonable grounds for conducting the search exist. Seized materials may be used as evidence against the student(s) in disciplinary proceedings.

Prior to a search of an automobile, the student(s) shall be notified and given an opportunity to be present. However, where school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the automobile contains materials which pose a threat to the health, welfare, and safety of students in the school, the automobile may be searched without prior warning.

All motor vehicles are required to be registered with the security department. Each vehicle will be assigned a parking permit number.

All drivers operating a vehicle on campus are expected to do so responsibly. A student who commits any acts that violate driving and parking rules and regulations will be issued parking tickets/citations/fines or have their driving/parking privileges revoked. The following actions are considered violation of school rules of regulations:

1. Parking on campus without an authorized parking permit. Vehicles without a parking decal placed on the rearview mirror will result in the following actions:
   - 1\textsuperscript{st} Offense: A warning notice will be placed on the student’s vehicle, and the vehicle information will be entered into a data base.
   - 2\textsuperscript{nd} Offense: A “boot” will be placed onto the vehicle, and five (5) demerits will be assigned to the vehicle operator when the “boot” is removed. Parents/Guardians will be contacted and discipline information will be recorded.
   - 3\textsuperscript{rd} Offense (and all subsequent offenses): A “boot” will be placed onto the vehicle and a $15 parking ticket will be issued to the vehicle’s owner when the “boot” is removed. The ticket must be paid within fifteen (15) days or a state citation will be issued to the vehicle owner from Spring-Ford’s police officer.
2. Parking in emergency lanes, safety areas, or in an irresponsible manner.

3. Unauthorized entry into a vehicle during school hours (including lunch periods)

4. Leaving school grounds without permission or transporting others off campus while school is in session. Passengers will also be subject to fines and loss of privileges.

5. Duplicating a permit, selling a permit, or giving a parking permit to another student.

6. Driving or bringing a vehicle on campus that contains weapons, drugs, alcohol, or any other prohibited controlled substances.

7. Failure to cooperate with security personnel or school administrators.

8. Any other conduct that is deemed unlawful or irresponsible by the school administration.

**Traffic Rules For Students**

1. The bus lane is off limits to all traffic, except school buses, at all times.

2. There shall be no passing at any time on school property.

3. No vehicle shall proceed against traffic at any time.

4. Parking next to building is prohibited in bus lane.

5. No student or faculty shall park in "For Visitors Only."

6. All cars will leave parking lot without passing through Bus Zone in front of school.

7. Violation of the above will result in loss of operating and parking privileges on school property.

8. Reckless driving, speeding, riding on the outside of a vehicle, or driving in a manner that is dangerous to oneself or others.

9. Cars must be parked within a designated parking space. Diagonal parking across spaces is prohibited.
10. Students are to park their cars in designated areas.

**Skateboards**

The Spring-Ford Area School District, in the interest of safety and in order to protect the school district property, prohibits the use of skateboards, motorized recreational vehicles, three and four-wheel all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles from being used on school district property at all times.

**References:**

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 779, 1519