EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF BICYCLES/MOTOR

VEHICLES

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223. USE OF BICYCLES AND MOTOR VEHICLES

1. Purpose

The Board recognizes the need for safety, security and order on the property of the district. This policy is intended to provide a safe environment for the operation of motor vehicles on school property, to ensure the optimum use of school driveways and parking areas and to maintain service and emergency access to all areas of school property.

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

2. Authority SC 1519

The Board directs that this district-wide traffic/parking control program shall be maintained to ensure a safe environment for all students, staff and visitors in accordance with this policy.

The Board shall permit the use of motor vehicles by secondary students in accordance with district rules, provided that such students have followed established procedures and obtained the required student parking permit.

The Board prohibits the use of mini-bikes, dirt bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, snowmobiles and other unlicensed conveyances on school property.

The Board shall not be responsible for bicycles and motor vehicles that are lost, stolen, damaged, and for theft or vandalism of their contents.

3. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the following words shall mean as follows:

- 1. **Motor vehicle** shall mean an automobile, bus, motorcycle or other self-propelled motorized vehicle.
- Traffic Violation Notice is an authorized written notice to inform an
 individual of a traffic or parking violation that offers the individual an
 opportunity to avoid school discipline by paying the traffic violation fee
 within the time specified.

4. Delegation of Responsibility

The East Stroudsburg Area District Police and the District Administration shall develop rules and regulations for operating and parking of bicycles and motor vehicles and shall disseminate those rules to affected students.

School Code 510, 1519

The East Stroudsburg Area District Police and the District Administration shall establish standards for granting parking permits, which contain the warning that infraction of rules may result in revocation of the parking permit and/or fines being imposed.

The East Stroudsburg Area District Police and the District Administration are authorized to enforce this policy as authorized by law.

5. Guidelines

In accordance with the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the Board adopts the following rules and regulations as policy.

Traffic

The following activities are prohibited while on all property owned by the district:

- 1. Operation of a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- 2. Operation of a motor vehicle not in obedience with traffic signs, markings or established vehicular traffic patterns.
- 3. Failure to obey directions of the East Stroudsburg Area School Police, district personnel and other authorized personnel while directing traffic.
- 4. Operating a motor vehicle on a lawn or other planted area, walkway or any surface not designated for motor vehicles.

Parking or stopping a motor vehicle in designated fire lanes anytime or bus lanes during prohibited hours.

Parking

The following activities are prohibited on all property owned by the district:

- 1. Parking a motor vehicle in an area other than an area designated by the district for parking, including temporary no-parking zones when posted.
- District students parking a motor vehicle in designated parking areas, while school is in session, without clearly displaying a valid parking tag for the vehicle.

- 3. Parking a motor vehicle in handicapped parking space without clearly displaying a valid handicapped permit or tag issued by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation or similar agency of another state.
- 4. Parking a motor vehicle, whether attended or unattended, in a location that obstructs access to emergency vehicles, a gate, road, sidewalk, exit or bus loading zones.

The storage of a motor vehicle or other equipment without the prior written authorization of the Superintendent/East Stroudsburg Area School Police. Any vehicle left on school district property without permission may be subject to removal by the district at the owner's expense.

Student Parking Permits

Students in 11th and 12th grade who are licensed drivers may apply for a parking permit from the School Police to drive onto school grounds and park in designated areas. Motor vehicles must be registered, inspected and insured in order to receive a parking permit. The student parking permit fee is \$10 per vehicle.

The privilege of student driving will be extended to students on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning with seniors. The high school Registration of a Motor Vehicle Form must be completed, including required information. All students must present a valid driver's license, state vehicle registration card and insurance card at the time of registration, along with the make, model and license plate number of the car.

Students who fail to display a valid permit are subject to applicable disciplinary consequences including a documented verbal warning for the first offense and a \$5 per-day school issued District parking summons for each additional offense. Permits will not be issued to students who have outstanding fines or obligations.

All students parking on school property shall adhere to the following rules and regulations, and failure to do so may result in revocation of parking privileges and/or other discipline:

- 1. Parking permits may not be shared and are not transferable.
- 2. Parking tags must be displayed on the lower right-side windshield of the vehicle.
- 3. All vehicles driven to school by students must be parked in the designated parking/space lot unless otherwise directed by Administration. Parking is permitted only in spaces provided.

- 4. Students who park on the school's property not designated for student parking are subject to the Trespass Laws of the State of Pennsylvania and possible disciplinary consequences, which could include the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.
- 5. Cars are not to be visited or moved during the school day unless permission is obtained from an Administrator and escorted by school security.
- 6. Students are expected to report to school on time. Any student driver who is chronically tardy, absent, or cutting classes may have their driving privilege revoked.
- 7. Any indication of unsafe, reckless or discourteous driving may result in suspension and/or revocation of driving privileges.
- 8. Speed limits as posted and other driving laws of the State of Pennsylvania are in effect.
- 9. Sitting in cars is not permitted during school hours for any reason. Students must exit vehicles, lock their vehicles, and enter the building upon arrival at school.
- 10. Student must report lost or stolen permits as soon as possible to School Police.
- 11. Parking off school property, illegally, may result in actions taken by private property owners and/or possible citation or arrest for violation of PA Motor Vehicle Code.

Proper use and operation of a motor vehicle is a serious responsibility. Any violation of applicable rules may result in the loss of the parking permit without refund and possible prosecution for violations of the PA Motor Vehicle Code.

Traffic Control Devices

The district shall use traffic signs, pavement markings and other traffic calming devices to give notice to motor vehicle operators of the traffic/parking and safety measures as outlined in the annual physical assessments conducted by authorized personnel.

Enforcement

The Board adopts the following procedures to enforce the traffic and parking regulations as set forth in this policy:

1. The Board authorizes the East Stroudsburg Area School Police and/or district personnel to enforce its traffic and parking regulations.

- 2. The Superintendent or designee authorizes the East Stroudsburg Area School Police and/or district personnel to temporarily suspend or alter any traffic or parking regulation on a per-event basis in order to facilitate safety or accommodate motor vehicles without prior approval.
- 3. Traffic Violation Notices may be issued for violations of traffic and parking regulations. Traffic Violation Notices shall be handed to the violator or placed on the windshield of the violator's motor vehicle at the time a violation is observed.
- 4. The district may temporarily or permanently suspend a person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle on school property for a second or subsequent violation of its traffic and/or parking regulations.