LAHS Student Parking Permit Procedure

LAHS has limited parking for students and staff. For this reason we have the following permit procedures. Student Parking permits are issued based on how far away a student lives from Los Altos High School and on grade level.

To begin the process, you need to watch the following video. We encourage your parents to watch along with you.

Student Driver Safety Video

After you watch the video, you must complete this quiz: Note, there is a section for your parents to verify that they have watched the videos with you. This is encouraged, but not required.

Parking Permit Quiz

Here are some things you should know:

1) One of the most important decisions a student makes that affects the environment is how they commute to school. Walking and biking are infinitely better for our environment than any vehicle.

2) **Parking permits will be issued partly based on how far a student lives from Los Altos High School.** If your commute from your home to LAHS is about 10-15 minutes or less by foot, or 5-10 minutes or less by bike, we encourage you to walk or bike. The map below shows the boundaries for **preference i**n the permit process. Outside the boundary, students have preference over students inside the boundary. However, all students outside the boundary are treated the same. Therefore, students who live closer to the school may still receive permits over students who live further away.

   The boundary runs from the intersection of San Antonio and El Camino, southeast to El Monte. Go south on El Monte. El Monte becomes Springer. Continue south to Cuesta. Go west on Cuesta to Foothill Expressway. Turn northwest on Foothill Expressway to Edith/Los Altos Ave. Go north on Los Altos Ave. to Portola. Go east on Portola to San Antonio. Go north to El Camino. The map is at the bottom of this document.

3) **When granting student parking permits, preferences will be as follows:**
   a) Freestyle AM/PM ride-sharing juniors/seniors
   b) Carpools (all members must live outside the boundary). Students applying as part of a carpool should also apply for a regular permit in case the carpool permit is not accepted.
   c) Seniors living outside the boundary. While Seniors have preference over Juniors, it is not an ABSOLUTE preference. It means that more permits (and a higher percentage) will be granted to Seniors than Juniors. Still, some Juniors might receive permits while some Seniors might not.
   d) Juniors living outside the boundary
   e) Seniors living within the boundary with special circumstances.
   f) Juniors living within the boundary with special circumstances.

Note:Physical conditions are not special circumstances. Students with physical limitations are encouraged to get a handicapped placard and park in handicapped spaces. Also, jobs or afterschool sports are not special circumstances. The existence of a special circumstance is not a guarantee of a permit.

If you live OUTSIDE of the blue line (map at right), you are eligible to apply for a permit to park on campus. If you live INSIDE the blue line, please indicate your special circumstance on the Google Form application.

Keep in mind that some people who live closer to school may get permits over people who live further away, and some Juniors may get permits over Seniors.

