

24-25 Student Parking/Driving Application

Students driving to and parking at Belton High School or any of the Belton School District properties must have a parking pass registered with the school district. It is the responsibility of the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) to notify the school when a student begins to drive to school. Attempting to circumvent this policy by notifying school staff is not excusable and does not release students from the possibility of fines and eventual revocation of all parking privileges.

Risk & Safety

The parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student-driver assume the risk of harm or injury to the student or others. By voluntarily allowing the student to operate his/her/their vehicle, the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student will hold Belton School District and its officers and employees free from any liability. The parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student-driver are responsible for deciding when it is safe/unsafe to drive between school grounds or on the Belton High School campus. When weather conditions are hazardous, a shuttle bus will transport the students between campuses.

The student agrees to drive safely and in accordance with all laws while on and between Belton School District properties.

Applying for a Permit

Prior to the start of the school year, the driving/parking application is sent to all students 16 years of age or older (and parents of said students) who are currently enrolled at Belton High School. It is also available to incoming students at the time of enrollment. The application process is entirely online and can be found on the Belton High School website under Student Life. The application should be filled out before the student drives on campus. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or suspension/revocation of driving privileges.

To apply, a student must have a current/valid Missouri driver's license. Students who only have a driver's permit will not be accepted. The vehicle must be insured. The student's name must appear on the proof of insurance or on a declaration page from the insurance provider. Driving on campus without a driver's license will result in the immediate revocation of parking privileges. Driving an uninsured vehicle on campus will result in the immediate revocation of parking privileges and a referral to the Belton Police Department.

Purchasing a Permit

The cost of an annual parking permit is \$40 for the entire year—this will be prorated. Once the application has been received and processed, the permit can be paid for either in the front office or through My School Bucks. Once the payment is received, the parking placard can be picked up at the front office. The parking placard must be displayed at all times with the student permit number facing out.

Parking passes are awarded free of charge to students with 98% or higher attendance and fewer than ten total tardies for the entire school year from the previous school year. Once the fee has been paid, no refunds will be given.

Parking Locations

Belton High School - Student parking is limited to the two west parking lots (Fieldhouse/Southwick Stadium) unless special arrangements are made. Parking on the north, south, or east side of the building without a special arrangement is strictly prohibited and will result in fines, and the possible suspension/revocation of parking privileges.

Parking spots in the Fieldhouse parking lot are numbered and assigned. Spots at Southwick Stadium are not assigned, and the placard will read "stadium." Students must have a valid parking permit to park in either lot. Students are to park in their assigned parking spots/lots.

Yeokum Center for Innovation - Students are to park on the east side of the building in the parking lot between Yeokum and the tennis courts. Parking along the driveway on the west side of the building is prohibited. Parking on the west side of the building without a special arrangement will result in fines and the possible suspension/revocation of parking privileges. Parking spots at Yeokum are not numbered or assigned.

Other Belton Properties - If students travel to other buildings in the Belton School District, they are not to park in visitor parking spaces. Instead, students should park in the same lot as the teachers.

Privilege

Parking on school grounds is considered a privilege. Failure to honor the expectations of safe driving and honoring a system that affords students with assigned space for the school year may result in the revocation of driving privileges. Students are expected to be respectful of each other's vehicles and assist with maintaining the parking lot by disposing of all trash in receptacles.

Driving/Parking Policies & Violations

- UTVs (Utility Task Vehicles) and ATVs (All-Terrain Vehicles) are prohibited on campus.

Accidents on Campus

Any accidents involving student drivers that occur on Belton School District campuses must be reported to the building's main office and its Student Resource Officer immediately.

- If a student fails to report their involvement in an accident, whether or not there is visible damage, that student's driving privileges will be revoked. If a student lies about their involvement in an accident, their driving privileges will be revoked.

Assigned Parking

Students must park in their assigned parking spots or the approved parking lots. Additionally, students are prohibited from parking in reserved parking spots or staff parking lots without special permission. Failure to park in the designated spot or lot will result in the following consequences:

- 1st Offense: Warning
- 2nd Offense and all offenses thereafter: fine of \$10 with the possibility of revocation of parking privileges

Students who discover their assigned space occupied by another student should park in the "reserved" spaces nearest the Fieldhouse and immediately report to the front office with their name, spot number, and the vehicle's license plate number in their spot. Office staff and administration will assist in resolving the problem.

Changing Cars

Over the course of the school year, if a student's vehicle changes for whatever reason, there is a 1-week grace period for notifying the office of this change.

Closed Campus

Students are prohibited from driving off campus during the school day unless necessary for a school program or function, such as A+, work release, internships, etc. Students participating in these programs can travel to and from Belton High School and their destination. Student drivers must arrive at school on time, not leave school early, and refrain from abusing the privilege of driving between district properties.

- Students who participate in the work release program, an internship, A+ tutoring, or any school-sanctioned program must leave campus at their designated time and should not remain at school.

Drug Testing

All students who drive and park on campus are also required to participate in the random drug-testing program. Parking privileges can be suspended or revoked following a positive screening. If a parent or student wishes to opt out of the district's drug testing program, they will forfeit their ability to drive on campus.

Passengers

If a student-driver wishes to transport passengers in the car - siblings, friends, classmates, etc. - special permission must be granted by a parent(s)/guardian(s) of the driver, as well as the passenger. This permission form can be found on the Belton High School website under Student Life.

- Transporting students without the expressed written permission from parents/guardians may result in the revocation of parking privileges.
- Student passengers must have individual access to a seatbelt.

Safety

Safety is of the utmost importance. Speeds of 15 mph and less will be strictly enforced in all parking lots.

- 1st Offense: Warning
- 2nd Offense: fine of \$10 + 2-week suspension
- 3rd Offense: a fine of \$25 + semester suspension
- 4th Offense: revocation of driving privileges
 - Failure to comply may result in the towing of the vehicle

Student-Drivers

Vehicles are ONLY to be driven by the student(s) to whom they are registered. Students should not lend their vehicles to others for ANY reason, whether the individual is a licensed driver.

- Violation of this policy will result in both parties' driving privileges being revoked for the remainder of the school year.

Fines, Suspension, & Revocation

Any fines accrued due to parking violations will be placed on the student's account. Any violation resulting in suspension from parking privileges will be The Belton School District and its administrators have the right to revoke a student's driving privileges and ability to park on Belton properties for any reason. They also reserve the right to have a vehicle towed at the owner's expense for violating any of the guidelines and expectations outlined above.

