RATIONAL/OBJECTIVE:

The Cobb County School District (District) is committed to the welfare of students from their entry on a school bus or school property to their return to the bus stop or leaving school property. Therefore, it is recognized that the improper operation of motor vehicles of all descriptions on school property presents a serious safety hazard to pupils and employees.

RULE:

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1. Licensed, authorized, motor-driven vehicles may be operated only on paved drives and other designated parking lots during authorized school functions, and in a manner and speed in keeping with safe practices in accordance with applicable school guidelines and other applicable law.
2. The use of go-karts, mini-bikes and other non-licensed or unauthorized motor-driven vehicles on District property is prohibited.
3. Each campus shall be properly marked and/or appropriate signs established to regulate the flow of traffic to prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering school grounds except through established control points.
4. All legitimate parking spaces on school campuses shall be marked for student parking (high schools only), faculty parking, and visitors.
5. During the normal operating hours of the school year, motor vehicles parked by students and faculty on any high school campus of the District must be officially registered with the school. This is to include any additional properties utilized for parking. A specific parking permit must be assigned and affixed before the vehicle may be parked.
6. Illegally parked cars shall be subjected to the discipline of applicable school guidelines and other applicable law.

B. HIGH SCHOOL PARKING:

Parking for high school students will be assigned based upon space availability and local school guidelines. No student parking will be provided at other levels except for high school students involved in school approved programs that require them to visit elementary and/or middle schools.

C. STUDENT PROVISIONS:

1. The school system shall charge a student parking fee.
2. Students shall be allowed to park on a daily rate for a maximum of seven days in one semester after which a parking decal must be purchased.
3. The parent/guardian must be given an opportunity to sign the application (Form JGFF-1) for a parking permit before a decal is issued. Exception: 18 year-old students may sign their own application.
4. There will be no refunds for days that students do not attend.
5. Student Conduct Provisions:
   a. The local school principal is authorized to take action designed to prevent a student’s cutting of class or nonattendance contrary to law and District Administrative Rules.
   b. Suspension of Parking Privileges:
      To emphasize the importance of being on time to school, of remaining at school, and attendance at school, the high school principal or designee will suspend a
student’s parking privilege for the remainder of any semester at the time of the
sixth unexcused tardy or leaving school without permission or truancy from school.
(1) The suspension of parking privileges will extend for at least forty-five (45)
school days.
(2) If the semester has less than forty-five (45) school days remaining when the
suspension occurs, the balance of the suspension will be served at the
beginning of the next semester.
(3) There will be no refund for the cost of the parking permit and the parking space
may be reassigned to another student.
(4) At the conclusion of the suspension of parking privileges, the student may
reapply and purchase a parking decal if parking spaces are available.

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Legal Reference
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0690.2  Establishment of Student Attendance Protocol Committee
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0151.2  Driver education course accepted for Carnegie unit elective credits
O.C.G.A. 40-06-0163  Duty of driver of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus; reporting of violations
O.C.G.A. 40-05-0022  Requirements for licensure; school attendance requirements