

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2020 - 2021

JOEL BARLOW PARKING

- 1. Why has the parking fee structure been adjusted to \$75 for the fall semester?**
 - a. The parking fee structure was revised for this school year due to the unknown of how much of the year will be spent “all-in,” “all-out,” and in hybrid. At this time, the \$75 payment allows a student to park for the fall semester. Towards the end of the fall semester, how much time was spent in distance learning versus in-person will be known and better projections about the spring semester schedule should be able to be made. At that time, the BOE will determine what the fee will be, if any, to extend a parking permit into the spring. The total parking fee for yearly parking will not exceed \$150.
- 2. Is the school requiring that students and parents attend a Pre-Parking Safety Seminar before purchasing a parking pass this year?**
 - a. No. As important as it has been to us to provide this seminar to students and parents/guardians, we know most of our seniors attended last year and all of our students are oriented to safe driving and healthy decision-making through driver’s education classes, health and wellness classes, school assemblies, family discussions, and much more.
 - b. As a community we believe that it is important to shine a light on issues of concern to raise awareness, prompt discussion, and provide information and resources to reduce risky behavior and support healthy decision-making. Neighbors, community members, students, and Barlow staff have also consistently witnessed examples of unsafe driving on campus, on Turney Road, and at times throughout the roads of Easton and Redding. While we are not holding a pre-parking safety seminar this year, your safety is very important to us. We care about you and urge you to make healthy decisions and to drive safely at all times.
- 3. How do tardies impact my ability to park on campus?**
 - a. For the 2020-2021 school year, if you have accumulated unexcused tardies, your parking privileges will NOT be delayed.
 - b. However, if you have a parking pass and accumulate tardies during the 2020-2021 school year, the privilege to park on campus may be suspended in accordance with the Tardy Policy. For example, if you have three unexcused tardies during a marking period, your parking may be suspended for one week. If you have another three unexcused tardies in the same marking period, your parking may be suspended for an additional week. Other possible consequences for unexcused tardies include, but are not limited to, office detentions, after school detentions, and community service.
 - c. If you have a first period study hall and your parent/guardian has given permission in PowerSchool for “permanent late arrival,” you must sign in to school at the Security Desk each morning. If you don’t, you will be recorded as tardy unexcused.
 - d. If you have a first period study hall but don’t have a “permanent late arrival,” you must sign into Commons, the Library, Career Center, Writing Center, or Math Center during the first period of the day, or you will be recorded as having an unexcused tardy.
 - e. If you have an approved early dismissal, you must sign out with security before leaving the building.
- 4. In the past, some students parked in Barlow lots without a pass. Are systems now in place to make sure that all students who park have a pass?**
 - a. For the 2020-2021 school year and due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are able to remove some of the barriers, such as tardies, paying outstanding fines and fees owed to the school, and

attending a pre-parking safety seminar. However, it remains necessary to have a parking pass to park on campus. Students who have a parking pass have signed an agreement to meet safety expectations on campus. Registration also provides the school with important vehicle and driver information.

- b. As with last year, members of the Barlow security team will check passes as students enter the parking areas. Those students without passes will not be allowed to park on campus. At times, students are issued a warning the first time.
- c. If a student repeatedly sneaks into the lots and parks, the car of the offender may be “booted.” Other administrative consequences, such as detentions and community service, are also possible.
- d. That being said, we are providing a two week grace period at the beginning of the year for students to submit their registration paperwork and obtain their parking passes.

5. What if I need just a one-day or one-week pass?

- a. If you are in need of a short term pass, you should contact your grade level administrator (Mrs. McTague - grades 11 and 12; Ms. Desmarais - grade 10).
- b. Students approved for a short term pass are issued a hanging tag with the approved dates for parking.

6. If I am a senior, and I won't be getting my license and/or a vehicle until later in the year, am I guaranteed a spot?

- a. It is our goal for all seniors to have a spot. To help us with this goal, it is important to inform Mrs. Dobi (main office) of your plans to obtain a parking space later in the year. Please email her at bdobi@er9.org.

7. If I am a junior, when can I apply for a parking spot?

- a. For the 2020-2021 school year, qualified juniors may purchase passes as soon as parking registration opens during the summer.

8. I am a sophomore. Am I allowed to purchase a parking permit?

- a. For the 2020-2021 school year, sophomores with a valid driver's license may purchase a parking pass. As with juniors, sophomores may purchase parking passes as soon as parking registration opens during the summer.

9. What should I do if I arrive late and there is not a parking spot available?

- a. This should not happen, because we do not give out more passes than spots.
- b. However, if it does happen, use the parking in the front of the school.
- c. After entering the building, immediately report the issue to a member of the security team and/or your assistant principal.

10. What should I do if I notice that a classmate or other student is parking without a pass?

- a. Share the information with a member of the security team and your assistant principal.
- b. Remember that we can't help if we do not know about the problem. There may be a legitimate reason. Know that we follow up on each concern brought to us.

11. What should I do if I notice that a junior or sophomore is parking in the upper lot?

- a. On hybrid days, juniors and sophomores are allowed to park in the upper lot. But if you see this occurring on an all-in day, share the information with a member of the security team and your assistant principal. We follow up on each concern brought to us.

12. Can my parking privileges be revoked without a refund?

- a. Yes. Students who have repeated or flagrant violations of parking rules, or violate Region 9 Board of Education Policies, can have parking suspended or revoked without a refund.
- b. If a permit is surrendered for reasons other than policy violation, students can contact an assistant principal to request a refund.
- c. The contract that you sign to get your parking pass notes these facts.

- 13. What happens if a Barlow student is observed driving in an unsafe manner, such as transporting students in the bed of a pickup, speeding, passing a school bus with the stop sign out, violating graduated license rules, rolling through stop signs, etc.**
- Parking privileges may be suspended or revoked.
 - The student and parent may be required to attend a safety meeting before the privilege to park will be restored.
 - The Redding Police Department periodically spot checks drivers.
 - The Joel Barlow SRO may take action.
 - Other administrative consequences, such as detention or in-school suspension, may result.
- 14. What happens if we have a significant snowstorm or multiple snowstorms?**
- After large storms or multiple snow storms, some parking spots are often unavailable. For those who are able, please carpool or have a parent/guardian drive you to school. In the past, it has been possible to call the bus company prior to 6:00 a.m. for pickup, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, that may not be possible this year.
 - Park only in designated spaces.
- 15. What should JUNIORS know about parking on campus?**
- On hybrid days, the junior pass can be used to park in the upper (senior) lot.
 - On days when all students are attending school (the "All-In" schedule), the junior pass allows you to park in both the lower (junior) lot and stadium lot, but not the upper (senior) lot.
 - Parking for both the lower and stadium lots is first come first served each day. Once the lower (junior) lot is filled each day, parking will be available in the stadium lot. Junior passes are not for a specific lot. As more students purchase passes, some students find that they are no longer arriving at school in time to secure a spot in the junior lot and must park in the stadium lot.
 - The availability of a shuttle bus in the junior lot to bring students up to Barlow is TBD. We will send out information as it becomes available. In the past, we have been able to have a bus bring students from the lower (junior) lot to the athletics entrance twice between 7:10 and 7:25.
 - If you walk, you must walk up the path to Barlow. Do not use Turney Road.
- 16. What do I need to know about stadium parking?**
- Students must park in the areas designated by the school. This is necessary, because our buses share the lot.
 - With buses parking in the lot, many cars will be boxed in during the day.
 - Students must arrive early enough to account for the time it takes to walk to the main campus or to the junior lot for the shuttle bus.
 - STUDENTS MUST EXIT THE STADIUM PARKING AT THE CLOSE OF THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL DAY IN ORDER TO ALLOW ROOM FOR VEHICLES ASSOCIATED WITH THE JBHS ATHLETICS PROGRAM.
- 17. How do I keep Coach Santangeli happy?**
- If I am parked in the stadium lot, I remove my vehicle at the end of the school day!
- 18. Where do I get that shuttle again?**
- If available, it will be in the junior lot. In the past, it has brought students up to the school twice between 7:10 and 7:25.
- 19. What else should I know?**
- If you parked in the stadium lot and need to leave early for any reason, you may not be able to drive your vehicle home until after school hours.
 - It takes a while to walk up to the school. Remember, tardies continue to accumulate during the current school year and parking may be suspended, even if you purchased a pass.