

Student Parking: Key Information and FAQ

In 2018, the WHS Legislative Council implemented critical changes to the way WHS regulates student parking. Specifically, the following school policy was adopted and added to the WHS Student Handbook:

"To the best of its ability, WHS will ensure that seniors will be provided a specific parking space, while juniors will enter a lottery to receive a parking space. Seniors will be assigned spots in the student lot, while juniors will have access via lottery to the remaining spaces in the student and overflow lots."

The details about how student parking is implemented are:

- Seniors and juniors may apply for a parking space by completing a form and showing their driver's license. Details on this process are explained at class meetings on the first day of school.
- All seniors who complete the form and show their driver's license by the deadline are assigned a parking space at random, beginning with the spaces in the student lot.
- All remaining spaces in the student lot and the overflow lot are assigned to juniors via lottery.
- The process above is repeated at the start of the second semester. Seniors who have a completed form and license on file will receive a new assigned space, and seniors who have since received their license will have a window of time to complete the form and show their license. The remaining spaces are assigned to juniors via lottery.
- During school hours, students may only park in the student and overflow lots. Students may not park in the preschool, town recreation, bus, District administration, and high school staff lots.
- Parking restrictions are lifted the day after seniors' last day of classes, including for sophomore drivers.
- Here are the key dates:
 - Registration period closes: Sept. 9
 - Lottery process completed: Sept. 10
 - Results of senior lot assignments and junior lottery posted: Sept. 11
 - Parking restricted to students with assigned spaces begins: Sept. 16

Frequently Asked Questions:

Once I receive my parking space, can I trade with or give my space assignment to another student?

No, space assignments are not transferable. It's important that we are able to know whose car is parked in which space in case we need to contact the owner if an issue emerges.

What do I do if someone parks in my space?

Please park temporarily in a visitor space nearest to the main office entrance (or the Nahatan Street entrance) and alert main office staff. Please make a note of the make, model, and license plate number of the car in your space. Please do not park in a fellow student's space.

Do multiple siblings from the same family receive one space?

All seniors are eligible for a space in the student lot regardless of whether they have a sibling in the grade who is also eligible. Generally speaking, though, we work closely with the families of multiple siblings to ensure that they only accept spaces that they will use.

Why is the 'cut through' between the staff and student lots blocked off?

The access point between the staff and student lots is not designed for safe 'through' traffic during the school year. We ask that students budget their arrival time and the time it may take to depart with our parking lot traffic patterns in mind.

Who do I speak with if I have a question?

Please contact the administrator assigned to your grade:

- Classes of 2020 and 2022: Dean of Students Amy Davenport:
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- Classes of 2021 and 2023: Assistant Principal Nicole Haberman:
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