

Parking for disabled persons on Bellingham School District property

The board of directors regards the parking of motor vehicles on Bellingham School District property by students, employees and visitors as a necessity in conducting the education process and operation of the school district. Vehicles shall be parked in designated parking lots, unless otherwise directed by the school site administrator during normal school business hours, and after-school hours while performing work of visiting the site in conjunction with school related matters.

Persons who have been qualified by the state of Washington under RCW 46.16.381 (Special parking for persons with disabilities) shall be entitled to park in those designated parking areas reserved for persons with physical disabilities. Persons who qualify for special parking privileges are entitled to receive from the state department of licensing a removable windshield placard, license plate or parking tab bearing the symbol of special access along with a special identification card that includes the name and date of birth of the person to whom the placard is issued. This card is issued to all persons who are given parking placards, including those issued for temporary disabilities. This placard should be visible on the windshield of vehicles parked in the designated areas for persons with disabilities.

Consequences for unauthorized parking in designated areas for disabled persons

Any unauthorized use of the special placard or license plate is a traffic infraction. It is also a traffic infraction for any person to make inaccessible the access aisle located next to a space reserved for persons with physical disabilities. Unauthorized vehicles found parked in disabled parking will be reported to the school office. The reports will contain the license plate number and a general description of the car. The school office will maintain records of such reports from year to year. On a first report, a notification will be left on the vehicle reminding the driver of appropriate use of the disabled parking spaces. On a second report, a school site administrator will report the traffic violation to the city police department. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) / Section 504 compliance officer for the district. This officer will maintain a record of all traffic reports forwarded to the police department. The disposition of each complaint will be contained in the reporting database.

Attachments:

- A. Complaint/Report of violation of parking for disabled persons
- B. Reminder notice for first violators of disabled parking spaces
- C. Data base of reports and/or complaints at the district office (ADA/Section 504 compliance officer)

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