

# **PANTHER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL**

## **2024-25 STUDENT PARKING**

***\*\*Please read carefully as the parking procedures have changed this school***

### *year\*\** **Registration/Application**

#### **SENIOR STUDENTS\*:**

Electronic applications only, **July 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am – July 23rd 5:00 pm**

#### **JUNIOR & SENIOR STUDENTS\*:**

Electronic applications only, **July 24th 8:00 am until sold out**

\*Senior and Junior students are determined by promotion standards, not the number of years a student has attended school.

1. Students/Parents will complete the parking application electronically [here](#) or by going to the 'Students' tab and click on '2024-2025 Student Parking.'
2. You will need to upload a clear copy of your N.C. Driver License and the vehicle registration card(s) for the vehicle(s) you will be parking on campus (scanned or cell phone images are permitted). Please try to upload one image with the license and registration together if possible. A maximum of 2 vehicles can be registered. NO LEARNER'S PERMITS will be accepted. A temporary DMV issued paper license will be accepted as long as it shows the name and address of the student. The address in PowerSchool and on the license must match.
3. Parking is \$200.00 and set by WCPSS. Payments will be made through **Cash Online** (Online School Payments) only. All other class dues or any fines/fees must be paid before picking up your parking pass.
4. Parking tags will be available for pick up once you have taken the **MANDATORY** parking course on Canvas. You must make a score of 90 or better to receive a parking tag.

## **Parking Tags**

- Parking spaces will be assigned as applications are processed and approved. - Parking tags must be displayed hanging from the windshield with the number clearly visible. Tags must be present whenever the vehicle is on campus.
- Two students may elect to share a parking space. Each student may register up to two cars per space. The agreement between the two students to share a space must be worked out between them; this agreement shall be kept in force the entire school year. All Wake County and Panther Creek High School Parking Regulations and Rules will apply to both students sharing a space. Applications for both students must be completed and submitted online, however only one student will pay WCPSS for the space.

## **Parking Waitlist**

If/when all available parking spaces are filled, the online registration will close. Students may choose to be on the waiting list by submitting a paper application to the main office. All waitlist applications will be date stamped upon receipt. Priority for the waiting list will be determined in order of date of application; **however, other individual circumstances (such as schedule changes for Early Release) may take precedence over date of application.**

## **Parking Fines**

Students will receive two warnings for any of the following violations. After the two warnings have been issued, any further violations can result in up to a \$10.00 fine per violation. Further violations could result in the student temporarily losing their parking pass or the car being towed from campus, and it will be the responsibility of the student to pay the towing fees. If the student does not pay their fine(s), the school has the right to place a boot on the student's tire, and the student will have to pay a \$10.00 fine to have it removed, along with the accrued fines. They also run the risk of permanently losing their parking tag and parking privileges on Panther Creek's campus.

### **Violations:**

NO PARKING TAG DISPLAYED ON MIRROR	\$5.00
NOT PARKED WITHIN SPACE LINES	\$5.00
RECKLESS/ UNSAFE DRIVING, SPEEDING	\$5.00
SPINNING TIRES IN PARKING LOT	\$5.00
PARKED IN A SPACE OTHER THAN ASSIGNED SPACE	\$5.00

PARKED IN A NO PARKING ZONE/FIRE ZONE	\$10.00
USING ANOTHER STUDENTS' TAG	\$5.00
VEHICLE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE SCHOOL	\$5.00
STUDENT NOT REGISTERED TO PARK AT PCHS	\$10.00

## WCPSS and PANTHER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL 2024-2025 PARKING REGULATIONS

1. All students must clear all fees and fines prior to applying for a parking tag. Tags will not be issued to students with outstanding fines or fees to Panther Creek or any other school. Tags are issued at designated times established and announced by school administration. Students are not permitted to park on campus without their parking pass. The only exception is the first week of school until they receive the pass in Homeroom.
2. As of now, the parking fee established by the Wake County Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year is \$200. Tags issued for less than the entire school year will be subject to a \$20 per month rate for each remaining whole or partial month. These fees are subject to change after the WCPSS budget is finalized for the school year. Likewise, parking regulations are subject to change.
3. Parking tags will be available only to students who have a valid North Carolina Driver License.
4. Only one tag will be issued per space. Students may register up to two of their family vehicles. The tag may be moved from one registered family vehicle to another, but may NOT be sold, given, or loaned to another student for his or her use. The penalty for doing so is revocation of parking privileges. Update vehicle changes as necessary with the front office.
5. All students who park a motor vehicle on the school campus must display the current hanging-tag permit. The tag must be hung from the inside rear-view mirror, facing the front of the vehicle. Students who fail to properly display the tag will be ticketed or have their tags revoked.
6. Vehicles must be parked in assigned spaces. Students remaining on campus for school activities after school are to leave cars in their assigned spaces until exiting campus. The only places available for student parking are the student lots. Students may not park on the road, driveway, in intersections, or in any other place, including other school campuses. Vehicles parked in the wrong space or in unauthorized areas will be subject to being towed at the owner's expense and the tag will be subject to revocation without refund.
7. Vehicles should be parked front-end first. Backing into spaces is not permitted.

8. The safe operation of motor vehicles is required. Vehicles must not travel in excess of 10 miles per hour. Seat belts are required for the driver and all passengers. No person should enter or exit from a moving vehicle at any time.

9. Speeding and reckless driving are prohibited. Driving with caution is essential to a safe parking lot and orderly flow of traffic and pedestrians.

10. Music must be kept at a reasonable volume when on campus and not be heard by others from outside of the vehicle.

11. Safety is a priority and running in the parking lot is not permitted. Students put themselves at risk of injury by running through moving traffic and between lots while buses are moving. Consequences for running can include revocation of parking, off-campus lunch pass, or both, at the discretion of the administration.

12. Driving, parking, and backing out a vehicle other than your own is strongly discouraged. Remember, it is your or your parent's insurance and accidents do occur.

13. Supervision is provided for parking lots; however, the school system is not responsible for damages to or theft from vehicles. Students are cautioned NOT to leave valuables in their vehicles. Parked vehicles should be left with windows closed and doors locked.

14. Student vehicles are subject to search and seizure per Wake County School Board Policy 4342.

15. School Board Policy applies while in the student parking lot and prohibits the possession and/or use of tobacco products on campus. Students may not possess tobacco products or smoke in cars at any time while on the school campus. Weapon and drug charges will result in automatic revocation.

16. Disabled vehicles may not be left on campus overnight. If necessary, towing should be arranged by the student.

17. If a student holding an assigned parking space transfers within the WCPSS during the year, he or she will be assigned a space at the new school with no further payment of fees, assuming the original parking tag has been returned to the office of the previous school. If no space is available at the new school, the originating school will make the refund.

18. Refunds for parking fees will be made only if the student moves away from the Wake County Public School System. Parking fees will NOT be refunded for:

- voluntary withdrawal from school (dropping out).
- long-term suspension from school.
- school based disciplinary action related to loss of parking privilege.
- loss of driving privilege due to revocation of operator's license.

\*All other refund requests are at the discretion of the principal.

19. Carpooling is encouraged and parking spaces may be shared by students. If students apply

to share a parking space and are approved to share, only one tag will be issued for the shared space. The student using the space must display the tag. If the tag is revoked, neither student driver may park on campus during the revocation period.

20. Students shall inform the office immediately of any changes in vehicle or license plate. Lost parking tags will be replaced for a \$10 fee. Report losses to the office.

21. Attendance and tardy policy violations may result in suspension and/or revocation of parking privileges. Specifically, chronic tardiness to first block and/or third block may result in revocation of parking privileges. Review the PCHS Tardy Policy in the PCHS Student/Parent Handbook.

22. Loitering in the parking lot is prohibited. Students should lock their cars and leave the parking lot immediately upon arriving at school and returning from lunch. Students should take all materials/items needed for the school day and not use vehicles as lockers. Students need written permission from an administrator, the SRO, or the parking lot attendant to be in student lots during school hours, including class changes. At lunch, only students using their official off-campus passes are permitted in the parking areas. Students should leave campus and not loiter around cars in the parking lot after school.

23. Student drivers leaving for off-campus lunch are responsible for knowing if persons riding with them have a lunch pass. Any student who provides transportation for a student who does not have a lunch pass or school permission to be off campus may lose his/her parking privileges for a time to be determined by administration.

24. Between 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., student drivers may not enter the campus via the visitor/staff parking area (main entrance).

25. Students who operate a motor vehicle on campus should fully understand their duties and responsibilities. According to School Board Policy, students who violate parking regulations are subject to any or all of the following consequences:

- Revocation of parking privilege.
- Ticketing (up to \$10 per violation). Multiple unpaid citations will result in restriction of privileges and/or revocation of parking pass.
- Towing and storage of the vehicle at the owner's expense.
- Disciplinary action.
- Criminal charges as prescribed by law.

26. Handicapped parking is available as needed on an assigned basis only; talk to an administrator. Students should never park in a handicap spot without a need and a tag.

27. For space numbers 195 through 589, students are not to create two-way traffic within the parking areas. In the morning, students should only enter their row from the entrance lane, unless otherwise directed by administration. When exiting, students should only back out and exit from their row, not loop around to other rows to exit.

28. Space numbers 14-99 are reserved for students with Early Release. All students parking in spaces 14-99 must leave campus at their designated Early Release time; the buses will use this lot at dismissal.

- In the morning, use the first left to enter the assigned parking area (left at the Spirit Rock).
- After exiting vehicles, students should use sidewalks and crosswalks, exercising caution around buses and other vehicles.
- After 2:18 dismissal, any Early Release students needing to return to campus for meetings or practices must wait until 2:35 for buses to leave. Once buses have departed, students are able to return to campus and park in their designated space.
- To exit during lunch, students should drive toward the building and then turn right to merge with other student traffic.

29. When student drivers are exiting, they should back out of their assigned spaces only when there is an opening in the line of traffic. Creating a double line of traffic is a violation. While waiting for buses to depart, student drivers should turn off their engines.

30. Parking a vehicle on school property is a privilege, not a right. Please review all parking regulations with your parents and communicate with school administrators for clarification of any matter about which there are questions.

\*\*\*Please indicate on the application that you have read and understand the parking regulations document\*\*\*