

## **FAQ'S ON PARKING PERMITS**

**Q:** Does my son or daughter have to have a permit if they drive to school?

**A:** If your child plans to drive to school, they will need a permit to do so.

**Q:** Why is this needed in Creede? We have never done this before!

**A:** The District is not trying to punish anyone and realizes that this might pose a difficulty for some families, but we have a duty to ensure the safety of those on district property, including the parking lots, and that means undertaking a minimal verification so that only legal, licensed drivers and insured vehicles receive parking permits.

**Q:** Don't all student drivers have to have a license to drive?

**A:** Yes, they do. Unfortunately, we have repeatedly had unlicensed and permitted drivers on campus. These students (and parents who allow this) who drive to school without legal authorization put themselves and others lives in jeopardy. It also continues a precedent that needs to end in order to keep students safe.

**Q:** Why \$10.00?

**A:** This is a very minimal fee; however, there are some limitations to those who pay it. Any student who receives free and reduced lunch services, should not pay the fee. Also, any student who feels it may be a hardship on their family should ask for a waiver of the fee.

**Q:** Where does the money collected go?

**A:** Directly back to the students! The money is placed in the Activity Fund. This fund is used for student clubs and activities.

**Q:** Why do you need our personal identification?

**A:** All that your District is endeavoring to do is verify that your student has a license and the vehicle is insured and legal. If anyone is not comfortable providing a copy of these documents, a simple verification is all that is needed. Anyone in the office can look at the documents and note that they are current and verified. A copy is not necessary but is easier for our records department. Also, due to the potential for accidents to occur with teenage drivers, we want to ensure that those students who are of legal age and drive onto our public property carry insurance. After all, car insurance is mandatory in Colorado.

**Q:** Is our information safe?

**A:** Yes, it is safe. All of the information we have on you or your child is bound by legislation that protects you. We lock the information up after filing and it is not accessible. Only you may request it. It is not entered into any system through any means of technology.

**Q:** What if our student parks off campus?

**A:** There have been some students who have stated that they plan to park on Corsair Drive or Airport Road to avoid all of this. Again, this is not an attempt to punish anyone but rather make our campus safer. Should any kind of emergency take place, we want to ensure that we know whose vehicles are here and that they are safely parked in student parking. Students who park off campus will not be allowed to leave campus to go to their vehicle and we will solicit the Sheriff to reach out to these families.

**Q:** Are there other reasons for this?

**A:** There are other reasons for this:

- 1) We share our parking lot with Mineral County Public Library. There are many times we have no parking spots for our community members coming to the library.
- 2) Our high school enrollment is growing. This poses an issue as we already ran out of spots last year for our own staff and community.

#### Cross References:

Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-32-117(2)(a)(IV) (Miscellaneous Fees)

Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-32-109.1(2)(a)(I)(A) (Safe School Plan)

#### Some Interesting Resources:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26308119>

<https://www.denverpost.com/2013/09/28/fees-pile-up-for-parents-in-colorado-public-schools/>