Parking in School Zones

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To whom it may concern,

Public safety is an important priority for the City of Brampton. We are reaching out to all Brampton schools to make you aware of the many complaints the City receives each year about parking and unsafe vehicular activity in school zones.

With the new school year underway, the City’s Enforcement Division has resumed active enforcement efforts. Please be advised that, starting October 15, Enforcement Officers will be escalating the enforcement of parking offences in school zones. As part of this effort, drivers who are parked or stopped illegally will be issued a Penalty Notice (parking ticket) on their first offence, with no prior warning or notice.

Enclosed is a list of common parking violations and general parking information, to help your students and their parents/caregivers walk, bike and drive safely. Please share this information with the parents of your students. For secondary schools, please also share with students who drive to school. Drivers should be reminded to park in permitted areas only, which includes the school parking lot or streets that do not have prohibited parking or prohibited stopping signs posted. If your school requires additional parking for special events like graduations, parent-teacher interviews, school plays or performances, please contact the City’s Enforcement Division at enforcement@brampton.ca.

Many schools send out parking regulation reminders to students and parents/caregivers via email or school newsletters. In addition, students may benefit from reminders during school announcements and assemblies. For primary and elementary schools, teachers can plan a “field trip” to show students the signs and explain their associated meaning. Students that are made aware of parking signage at an early age are more likely to relay this information to their parents, grandparents and caregivers.

For more school traffic safety resources, visit www.brampton.ca/schoolsafety. With your support, we can help ensure Brampton’s school zones are safe for everyone.

Sincerely,

Mike Mulick
Acting Manager, By-law Enforcement
Enclosure
Common Parking Violations

In addition to the most common parking violations listed below, drivers should ensure that they are not stopped or parked so as to block a fire hydrant, intersection or private driveway.

Fire Route – Fine $150
This sign tells drivers that the area is a Fire Route. Fire Routes are the roads, laneways, or driveways that provide access to a building, and may also include areas within a parking lot. A driver violates this parking regulation if he/she is stopped or parked in a Fire Route, even if the engine is running, hazard lights are flashing, or there is someone in the car.

Drivers may drop off/pick up individuals, but there cannot be a delay. (e.g. when dropping off at school, the child should get out of the vehicle and the parent must immediately drive away). Drivers are not permitted to sit and wait in the car for their child (even for a few minutes) or leave the vehicle.

Prohibited Parking – Fine $35
This sign tells drivers that parking is prohibited. A driver is in violation of this parking regulation if he/she has stopped the vehicle, even if the engine is running, hazard lights are flashing, or there is someone in the car.

Drivers may drop off/pick up individuals, but there cannot be a delay. (e.g. when dropping off at school, the child should get out of the vehicle and the parent must immediately drive away). Drivers are not permitted to sit and wait in the car for their child (even for a few minutes) or leave the vehicle.

Prohibited Stopping – Fine $100
This sign tells drivers that stopping is prohibited. They are often posted on the streets surrounding a school, and may indicate the times of day that a driver is not permitted to stop their vehicle. Drivers may not stop their vehicle to let someone in or out, and may not sit and wait for someone.

Accessible Parking – Fine $350
This sign tells drivers that a parking spot is reserved for individuals with Accessible Parking Permits only.

Drivers may not park or stop their vehicle in these spots unless the driver has a valid Accessible Parking Permit and it is properly displayed. The permit must be used by the person it was issued to.
Frequently Asked Questions

How far should I park...

1. **From the curb?**
   No more than 15 centimetres (6 inches).

2. **From an intersection?**
   At least 9 metres (30 feet).

3. **From a fire hydrant?**
   At least 3 metres (10 feet) from where the curb meets the fire hydrant.

Common Parking Definitions
These are some common definitions from the City’s Traffic By-law #93-93. You can find the complete Traffic By-law on the City’s website.

“Fire Route” means any private roadway designated by the Fire Chief under the Fire Marshalls Act, R.S.O. 1990, F.17.

“Park” or “Parking” means when prohibited, the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when standing temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

“Stop” or “Stopping” means when prohibited, the halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a constable or other police officer or of a traffic control sign or signal.

Paying Parking Tickets
In 2013, the City implemented the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS). Under AMPS, the City’s By-law Enforcement Officers are permitted to issue a Penalty Notice (or “parking ticket”) for failing to comply with Brampton’s Traffic By-law, and serve it using a variety of methods.

This means that Officers may issue a ticket by:
- placing it on the windscreen of an improperly parked vehicle;
- issuing it to the driver of an improperly parked vehicle; or
- mailing it to the registered owner of an improperly parked vehicle

Anyone who receives a parking ticket (regardless of how the ticket is delivered) is required to pay within 15 days or dispute it by following the instructions on the ticket.

For more information about the AMPS program visit the City’s [website](#), or call 311 (within city limits) or 905.458.3424 (outside city limits).
THANKS NEIGHBOUR
You make a difference

Thanks for parking safely in school zones by:

- Following the “No Parking” and “No Stopping” signs
- Not parking in fire routes
- Not leaving your car idling for more than 3 minutes

www.brampton.ca/bylaws
Enforcement and By-law Services
The School Safety Committee is a group of community partners working together to increase school safety in the Region of Peel.

Did you know?
• 62% of Canadian parents say their kids aged 5-17 years are always driven to and from school (car, bus, transit); only 24% walk or ride bikes.¹

• Canadian kids aged 3-4 spend 5.8 hours a day being inactive. That increases to 7.6 hours for ages 5-11, and 9.3 hours for ages 12-17.²

• There are 7,006 new cases of heart disease diagnosed each year in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).³

• A child’s overall physical activity is linked to physical and mental health, healthy body weight and academic performance.

Thirty minutes of physical activity at the beginning of the day can boost metabolism, increase mental sharpness for 4-10 hours and help your child sleep better at night.

For more information
www.brampton.ca/roadworks
(click on Pedestrian and Driver Safety)
www.mississauga.ca/trafficsafetycouncil
www.walkandrollpeel.ca
www.walkbiketoschool.org
www.saferoutestoschool.ca/info-teachers
www.participaction.com
www.csep.ca/guidelines
www.canadawalks.ca/resources.asp
www.caasco.com/schoolsafety

For more information please contact:

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:  

1.Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute, 2012
3. GTHA Medical Officers of Health, 2014

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Traffic safety around your school

Instead of driving your child to school...

- Encourage your child to walk or ride their bike to school. Skateboarding and roller skating may be other options.

- Join your child on the walk to and from school.

- Arrange for children to walk/cycle together so that fewer parents need to supervise the journey. This is called a “walking school bus”.

Walking and cycling allow students to learn more about their neighbourhoods, socialize with friends, build confidence and gain independence. Most importantly, it’s fun!

Be environmentally responsible. If you must drive, consider carpooling.

Kiss and Ride
Do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in the Kiss and Ride area.

Fire Routes
Blocking fire routes, even to drop off or pick up children, can be dangerous for everyone. In case of an emergency, fire and emergency crews may need to access a building quickly.

School Buses
Motorists approaching a stopped school bus with its red signal lights flashing must stop at least 20 metres before reaching the bus.

No Parking/No Stopping Zones
Parking in a No Parking or No Stopping zone can block the visibility of drivers and pedestrians and increase the likelihood of a collision.

Crossing Guards
The stop sign carried by the Crossing Guard has the same legal authority as a stop sign at an intersection. You must stop when a Crossing Guard is about to enter the roadway and remain stopped until children and the Crossing Guard have safely cleared the roadway.

Personal Safety
Encourage your child to be aware of their surroundings, especially when crossing the street.

Electronic Devices
Avoid the use of electronic devices with earphones in isolated areas and while crossing roads and railway crossings.