



# Parking Procedures Change for 2009-2010

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New parking policies have been set for the new school year. Students will now be assigned a parking lot designated by color. All students will be able to select their lot, with the exception of students who must leave the campus regularly during the day. Those students, such as Miller Career Center and

work release students, will be assigned to park in the band practice lot by Dulaney. They will need to leave or move their cars as soon as school is out due to band practice.

Only seniors will be able to reserve a spot for an additional fee. Seniors will also have the option of participating in a new Ram tradition of personalized spaces. For an extra cost, seniors will be able to put their name on their reserved

space. Other students are encouraged to arrive early to obtain a space close to the school as parking will be first come, first serve.

Each lot will have a sign indicating its color. Students will have to purchase parking stickers in the senior office before school, at lunch or after school. The cost is \$35 for everyone and \$50 for seniors who want customized parking spots. These stickers will indicate what

color lot the car should be parked in. Parking stickers should be purchased by Sept. 4, 2009.

"We are going to have a security guard and KISD police monitoring the parking lot to make sure that the stickers are on every car," said Principal Dr. Cazilda Steele. "I had people at Ram Express ask me why they should buy a sticker since they parked last year without anyone saying anything. These stickers are most importantly a safety measure."

Another new addition are gates that have been set at various locations such as the main entrance and the PAC parking lot. The newly installed gates will be locked from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every day.

"In the afternoons, we will open the gates at 2 p.m., and they will be open all afternoon so people can do what they need to, but they will be closed earlier during school hours," said Dr. Steele.

Students will only be able to leave if they bring an early dismissal pass from attendance to the Senior Office to arrange an early release. Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. must report to the outside security guard.

"The gates are partly about safety as well as preventing students from leaving the campus without legitimate reasons. Going home, to McDonalds, and skipping class are not valid reasons for not being here at school," said Dr. Steele. "As long as you have got the right pass, you are going to be able to leave. But it is going to be more difficult for students without valid reasons to leave."



Photo by Josh Yap

Senior Max Gardner is baffled at the sight of new gates in the parking lot. Students had to adapt to the changes brought on by the new precautions against truancy and campus intruders.

## Parking Lot Colors

Front Lot	Red Lot
Band Lot (along Dulaney)	Yellow Lot
PAC or Fine Arts Lot	Blue Lot
Athletics/Tennis Courts Lot	Orange Lot
Faculty Lot (end of A hall)	Green Lot

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