

School Pick-up and Drop Off/Parking Tickets

Attention Parents/Guardians bi-law officers have increased their presence especially during busy times for drop off and pick up. They are 'photo ticketing' and will send the ticket to your home address and it is a substantial fine. Please obey the signage to avoid getting a ticket. In addition, please do not block the crosswalk. As the winter weather approaches, the crosswalk is salted and sanded for safety purposes and it is the only safe, accessible way to pass from the parking lot to the main entrance. Reminder, if your child is driving to school, the vehicle must be registered with the main office and a parking tag must be visible. There is no cost for the parking tag. Thank you in advance for your cooperation to ensure our staff and students arrive safely to MDHS!

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The City of Markham has graciously provided to us the definitions of parking and stopping below:

DEFINITION OF PARKING

"Park" or "Parking" means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when halting temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading goods or passengers;

What this means:

In any signed Prohibited Parking Area (including designated Fire Access Routes) you cannot sit and wait in your vehicle or STAND (even if the vehicle is running) and you cannot leave your vehicle to go into a building or onto the property. You can use a Prohibited Parking area including a fire route to IMMEDIATELY drop off or pick up a passenger. This means you pull up and stop, then your passenger gets in or out of the vehicle and you immediately drive away. No delay. All buildings including schools, malls, plazas, condos, community centres and town houses have fire routes. Along with the posted signage, a fire route typically looks like a roadway or driveway and typically is the main entrance from the road and surrounds the entrances to the building. Anytime that you need to wait for someone or go into a building you must be parked in a designated parking spot.

With regards to fire routes at a school, we will often advise residents who come in to dispute their tickets that if their own child required emergency care at that particular time, a fire truck or ambulance would not be able to get through and that their child would not get the care that they need

DEFINITION OF STOPPING

"Stop" or "Stopping" means the halting or leaving of a motor vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or of a traffic control sign or signal;

What this means:

In any signed No Stopping area, you cannot stop the vehicle to let someone in or out of the vehicle, no matter how immediate it is. You must continue to move with the flow of traffic.

In addition, please watch and obey posted restrictions on the roads and, do not block intersections, driveways, fire hydrants, pathways or super mailboxes. **Please see the attached satellite photo of the Markham District parking lot with designated no parking and no idling areas identified.**

