

EASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE

2016-PRESENT PARKING POLICY

A. Administrative Policy

The Leadership Council of Eastern Oklahoma State College has determined that it is in the best interest of the College that rules and regulations be established to govern the keeping and use of motor vehicles by College employees, students, visitors, and other categories of users on campus. Accordingly, Eastern has developed and implemented these regulations to facilitate the safe and orderly conduct of business and to allocate the limited parking spaces available on campus. Operating a motor vehicle on College property is a privilege which is conditioned in part, by compliance with these rules and regulations.

1. Any appropriately licensed driver choosing to park an automobile on campus may do so provided a parking permit is obtained and the driver understands that the permit neither obligates the college to set aside a space for every vehicle nor allows drivers to violate parking regulations. Visitor parking is provided only for persons who are not registered students or employees of the College and temporary parking permits will be issued.
2. The College reserves the right to restrict the use of an automobile on College property if the owner or driver has abused the privilege of operating a vehicle on campus.
3. The College assumes no responsibility for a vehicle or its contents.
4. All vehicles parking on College - owned or rented property must display a VALID Eastern parking permit.
5. Failure to pay fines will result in refusal to renew permits, withholding of transcripts, delaying of enrollment, withholding of pay and refund checks, and/or collection efforts.
6. Employees and students must park only in the parking areas reserved for their type of parking permit. A valid parking space is defined by parallel lines on both sides of the vehicle, and a line, curb, parking block or other type of barrier in front of the vehicle.
7. It is the responsibility of any vehicle operator to request information needed from Campus Police to correct any special circumstances regarding their individual needs in a prompt manner and before a citation is issued.
8. Any person who persists in repeating violations of the Eastern Oklahoma State College Parking policies, damages property or commits any act detrimental to the safety of others or to the best interests needs of the College community will be subject to cancellation and confiscation of his/her parking permit and revocation of all parking privileges.

9. Only parking permits issued or authorized by designated Eastern personnel are valid and will be honored. Such substitutes as signs or decals issued by others, handwritten notes left on the exterior of the vehicle, etc. are unacceptable, and will not be honored by enforcement personnel.

B. Eastern Campus Police Office

The Eastern Campus Police Chief is located in the Student Center on the second floor in the area marked Student Services and is available Mon.-Thurs. from 2 pm to 4 pm for office visits both in the Spring and Fall Semesters. The location for all other officers is in Choctaw Hall 124. Officers are on duty seven days a week. For assistance call 918.448.2365. On campus the extension is 718 or call Student Services at extension 818. In all emergencies please dial 911.

C. Student Parking

1. Students who park vehicles on campus are required to immediately purchase and display a parking permit. Students must register their vehicles by the second week of class. All parking permits expire on July 31 of the following year. Parking permits can be mounted on the inside rear view mirror with identification facing the front of the vehicle in plain view.

2. Students should pay their parking permit fee in the business office of the Administration building for credit cards or at the office of Student Services on the second floor of the Student Center with cash or checks.

3. Students must present their Eastern ID card at each time of permit registration. Students must pay all outstanding citations before a parking permit may be issued.

4. Students should present to the Student Services office on the second floor of the Student Center a completed vehicle registration form and proof of purchase to obtain the parking permit.

5. Permits are the responsibility of the purchaser and must be removed prior to sale or transfer of the vehicle. Student permits are not transferable to any other vehicle. Only one current permit shall be displayed on a vehicle. A permit must not be altered or defaced.

6. Students will be issued a parking permit that allows parking in any area designated for student parking or multi-purpose parking.

D. Disabled Parking

Vehicles displaying a state issued Physical Disability Permit, along with a valid Eastern parking permit, may park in any legal parking space or any physical disability space with the exception of spaces reserved for other uses.

E. Visitor Parking

1. Visitors are always welcome on campus. Short term visitors should obtain a temporary parking permit from the office of Student Services between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.
2. Eastern defines a visitor as any person unaffiliated with the college such as a vendor, rental property tenant or community member.
3. Whenever applicable, the host, whether Student, Staff, Faculty or Administrator should obtain visitor parking permits for their guests.
4. The office of Student Services shall provide visitor permits to event coordinators when requested. An event coordinator should contact Student Services for specific instructions.
5. Visitor permits can park in any faculty/staff/student or visitor parking lot. Eastern expects and requires visitors to abide by properly signed or marked parking instructions.

F. Motorcycles

Motorcycles will receive a permit to be placed on the bike when parked and must be easily seen.

G. Bicycles

Eastern does not require bicycles to be registered; however, operators of bicycles must abide by all applicable state and municipal ordinances concerning movement across campus. Student/faculty/staff must park bicycles in designated areas.

H. Permit Fees

Fees for parking permits are stated below. Fees are subject to change without notice.

Student \$20.00 per year

Replacement \$5.00

I. Driving Regulations

1. All traffic and motor vehicle laws of the State of Oklahoma are applicable on Eastern property and will be enforced by College Police officers. Violation of state traffic and motor vehicles laws may subject the driver to a county/municipal citation with fines set by the District/City Court.
2. The maximum speed limit on all College property is 15 miles per hour. Violators will be subject to College citation. All public roads through campus are governed by established speed zone markings.
3. A pedestrian crossing campus roads, streets or driveways in any marked crosswalk or at any intersection corner shall have the right-of-way.

4. It is the driver's responsibility to be able to operate his or her vehicle safely. Anyone who operates a vehicle on College property while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, narcotics, stimulants, depressants or opiates will be subject to arrest and/or revocation of parking privileges.

5. No motor vehicles including motor scooters, motorcycles or motor bicycles shall be operated upon any sidewalk or pedestrian walk on campus. It is further a violation to operate bicycles, roller skates and skateboards upon College property for recreational purposes. However, bicycles, rollerblades, roller skates and skateboards are permitted as a means of Eastern students only to get from class to class and building to building.

J. Parking Regulations

1. A copy of the full Parking policy can be obtained by looking on-line at eossc.edu in the Eastern website under Student Services. Pleading ignorance of the regulations will not excuse violators or citations.

2. Vehicles found parking without displaying the appropriate parking permit will be cited (parking permit must be properly displayed in plain view, when parking on campus.) All employees and students are required to obtain a copy of the Parking regulations and follow the posted parking signs.

3. Parking is a first come, first served basis.

4. The issuance of a parking permit is merely authorization to park if space is available.

5. The responsibility for finding a legal parking space rests with the vehicle operator.

6. Lack of space in a particular lot is not a valid excuse for violating parking regulations.

7. The operator must park only in those spaces or areas allocated and designated for the type of permit displayed on their vehicle.

8. If there is no sign at entry to the lot, parking is multipurpose.

9. Eastern restricts all student/faculty/staff to parking in their designated lots. Signs designating Campus Apartments or Dorm Parking are assigned to properly registered and identified residents. Unauthorized/unregistered vehicles parked in a reserved parking space are subject to impoundment at the owner's expense and a parking citation.

10. Persons may not double-park or park vehicles in a position that prevents adjacent vehicles from entering or exiting their legal parking space. Back/pull through parking is prohibited in the areas where one-way drive or angle parking exists.

11. The owner-of-record or the individual registering a vehicle with the College is responsible for all College parking citations issued against that vehicle no matter the identity of the driver at the time of the violation.

12. Eastern prohibits the parking of motor vehicles on campus in areas other than those established for parking and by marked signs or other devices controlling their use.

13. Any vehicle parked in a fire lane, red zone, driveway, travel lane or any other area not specifically marked as a legal parking space will be subject to citation and may be impounded.

14. "Maintenance/Service" and "Loading" zones are enforced 24 hours a day.

15. The regulations apply to all persons operating any vehicle on any Eastern campus or property. Any Eastern satellite campus properties are included.

K. Towing and Impoundment of Vehicles

Eastern Campus Police reserves may tow and impound parked vehicles for the following offenses:

1. Parking in a space reserved for someone else or a disability space.
2. Unsuccessful attempts to contact owners with repeated parking violations, and /or five (5) or more unpaid parking citations.
3. Parking in drives, on grass, access road/service drives and traffic lanes.
4. Creating a traffic hazard, obstructing sidewalks, crosswalks or other vehicles.
5. Vehicles displaying expired license plate/tag (expired in excess of 180 days).
6. Parking in red zones or at red curbs or yellow curbs.
7. Parking in a designated fire lane or obstructing a fire hydrant.
8. Any vehicle that appears to be abandoned.
9. Parking on campus after a permit has been revoked.
10. Accumulation of five (5) or more violations by an unregistered vehicle. For unregistered vehicles, a tow warning will be placed on the car giving the owner three (3) days to register the vehicle to avoid impoundment. The owner of a disabled vehicle that is blocking right-of-ways, roadways or is improperly parked shall notify the Campus Police immediately at 918.448.2365. If the disabled vehicle requires removal by a wrecker, it will be towed at the owner's expense. Any person who has had their vehicle impounded or towed will be responsible for all accrued expenses, including towing, mileage, hook-up fee, storage, etc. Eastern Campus Police use the wrecker rotation process. The local police dispatcher will telephone the next rotation wrecker on call for all campus towing.

L. Appeals Process

An appeal for citation must be made in writing to the Chief of Police located in Student Services on the second floor of the Student Center within 48 hours from the date of the citation. Appeals will not be accepted after 48 hours.

M. Fines for Violations

The following are the parking and traffic violations and corresponding fines established by Eastern Oklahoma State College:

No valid parking permit.....	\$20.00
Occupying more than one parking space.....	\$40.00
Parking in a non-designated parking area.....	\$40.00
Parking in a NO PARKING zone.....	\$40.00
Parking in a fire zone.....	\$100.00
Parking a trailer (or other) on campus (without prior permission).....	\$40.00
Blocking or impeding traffic flow.....	\$40.00
Parking in a handicapped space w/o proper permit.....	\$100.00
Failure to obey a traffic control device (ie: stop sign).....	\$80.00
Moving violations.....	\$50.00
Blocking a dumpster.....	\$40.00
Double parked.....	\$40.00
Unregistered vehicle.....	\$20.00
Reckless/Careless driving.....	\$100.00
Disturbing the Peace.....	\$50.00
Failure to obey a Police Officer.....	\$100.00

Citation and fee rates are subject to change without notice. The college reserves the right to Impound and/or immobilize vehicles for repeat offenders in accordance with this policy.

N. Parking Permit Violations

1. Any person who gives, barter, or otherwise transfers ownership of parking privileges of a parking permit shall be guilty of wrongful use and possible forfeiture of parking privileges, subject to the appeal process.
2. Lost, stolen, or damaged parking permits must be reported to the Chief of Police.
3. Any person who finds or gains possession of a lost, stolen, forged or altered permit and uses the permit to park on campus will be subject to possible forfeiture of parking privileges, subject to the appeals process.

O. Vehicle Immobilizers (Boot)

Eastern Campus Police may use a vehicle immobilizer. This device is used to prohibit movement of a vehicle. Violations which may prompt the use of a vehicle immobilizer are listed but limited to the following:

1. Unsuccessful attempts to contact owners with repeated parking violations and/or five (5) or more unpaid parking citations.
2. Unidentifiable owner information.
3. Accumulations of five or more violations by an unregistered vehicle. The fee to remove the immobilizer from the vehicle will be \$75.00, plus any additional parking fines accrued and previously unpaid parking fines. Any damage to the vehicle or the device due to a driver attempting to drive a vehicle while an immobilizer is engaged will be at the driver's expense. Once the owner/driver has made contact with Campus Police regarding the violations, the immobilizer will be removed. All fees and fines must be resolved or further action may be taken. Additionally, the owner/driver has the right to appeal the circumstances/violations leading to the vehicles immobilization.

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