

Parking and Commuting

Parking information

The following procedures and regulations have been developed and are monitored to maximize all available on-campus parking spaces to meet the needs for students, employees and visitors of the College.

Authority for establishing parking and traffic regulations on the State University campuses was granted to the Minnesota State College and University Board and in turn to the State University campuses by Minnesota Statute, Section 169.966, subdivision 8 (1984) and the Minnesota State University Board Internal Rule 402 F.l.e. The President of Hennepin Technical College has approved these regulations.

As an alternative to parking on campus, convenient bus service to each campus is available. Metro Transit at Brooklyn Park and Southwest Transit at Eden Prairie provide convenient bus service to the colleges from many locations within the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. The bus stops are located at the main entrance to each campus, and are identified by each provider's signage. For more information on this service, contact Metro Transit or Southwest transit directly. Schedules/route information are available at the Reception desk at each campus.

Parking fees

All students pay for parking as part of their tuition fees.

Faculty, staff and adjuncts are required to purchase a parking permit annually to park on campus.

Parking Permits may be purchased at the Security desk on either campus.

The parking fee revenue is used to maintain the parking lot surfaces and lighting and to provide safety and security in the lots and the surrounding areas.

Handicapped parking

- Mandated and regulated by State Law
- May only be used by handicapped persons who display a valid State issued Permit in their name.
- Short term Handicapped Permits can be issued to staff/faculty only for use on the Hennepin Technical College property only.
- Campus Security staff pay particular attention to these spaces.

Faculty/Staff Permit Parking Lots/Spaces

- Reserved Monday – Friday 7am-4pm for staff/faculty only - permit must be displayed.
- Available for general parking after 4pm daily.
- Faculty and staff must renew their Parking permit yearly with Campus Security.
- Current year Permits must be displayed on the lower left windshield of all vehicles using the lot/spaces.

Violations and fines

Hennepin Technical College citations are written by the Campus Security staff, according to the following Fine Schedule.

Violation fine

- Staff Reserved Lot/Space -no permit visible -\$25.00
- Visitor reserved Lot/Space-vehicle not registered -\$25.00
- Fire Lane Parking Violation -\$25.00
- Parking Along Yellow Curb -\$25.00
- Parked Blocking Driveway/Vehicle -\$25.00
- Parked in Unauthorized Parking Area -\$25.00
- Handicapped Parking violation - \$200.00
- If the citation is not paid, a hold will be placed on student account. In certain instances unpaid fines will be turned over for collections.

Unauthorized parking areas

Unauthorized parking area means any space that is not within an area marked on the pavement with white lines. (Snow on the ground is not a defense for a citation.)

Extra patrol is given to the following parking spaces to ensure there are no violations:

- Designated staff parking lots and spaces – all vehicles must display a current staff parking permit.
- Reserved visitor parking lot and spaces-all vehicles must register at the Reception desk.
- Curbs, roadways, traffic lanes and receiving dock areas.

Overnight parking

Overnight parking is permitted on each campus with permission from Campus Security. Overnight parking is strictly prohibited in all lots for any vehicle that is specifically designed, equipped, and/or used for sleeping. Sleeping or Staying overnight on campus in any vehicle is not permitted.

Motorcycle parking

- **Brooklyn Park** - Motorcycle Parking is available at the entrances of Student Lots 1, 2, 3 and at the C entrance door.
- **Eden Prairie Campus** - Motorcycle parking is available in lots A, B, E and J.

Citation Appeals process

If you receive a citation and feel it is not valid, the appeals process is as follows:

- Stop by the Security Desk(adjacent to reception at each campus) and fill out a Citation Appeals form – this form is also available for printing from the Campus Security webpage:
- Submit the appeal in a timely manner in order to eliminate possible late fees. Ticket must be appealed within ten (10) business days of when it was written.
- Appeals will be reviewed and decided by a board comprised of Campus Security, Administrative Services, and Affirmative Action. The board will use the Student Code of Conduct as a guide.
- All appeals will be notified via e-mail as to the decision of the Appeals Board.
- All decisions by the Appeals Board are final.

Traffic violations

Campus Security Staff may write tickets for traffic violations occurring on campus pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 169.966. In certain instances the ticket will be written against the owner of the vehicle in violation and by State Statute, the owner is responsible to pay the ticket. If it was someone other than the owner, it is the owner's responsibility to deal with the actual driver.

Numerous violations

Persons receiving more than one citation, or as exemplified by their poor driving habits are determined to be a careless or reckless driver, may lose all privileges to drive or park on campus. Campus Security will work directly with the Dean of Student Success, and Intermediate District #287 whenever student parking/driving concerns impact campus safety. State law provides the College with the authority to tow vehicles at the owner's expense. Hennepin Technical College utilizes the services of Cedar Towing.