

## Student Driving Rules and Regulations

In the interest of student safety, provisions have been made to provide bus transportation to all students to and from school. Student driving contributes to the possibility of accidents, parking problems, tardiness, and truancy. Therefore, students will not be permitted to drive to school without permission from school administration.

### **DRIVING TO SCHOOL IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT!!**

Students must fill out a driving request form provided by the office staff in advance before driving to school. All areas of the form must be filled out and signed by the parent/guardian of student wishing to drive to school. Motorcycles, motor bikes, or similar type vehicles will not be permitted as transportation.

Permission to drive to school will be granted only to those students who have to perform a necessary school activity or to those students who hold positions of employment. Employers will be contacted to verify the student's work status. If driving to school is work-related the employment portion of the form **MUST** be filled out.

Those students granted approval to operate a vehicle should understand that driving to school is a privilege and may be suspended or revoked by the school administration for any disciplinary reason.

In order to drive to school, students shall follow the rules and guidelines set forth below:

1. Tardiness will not be tolerated. Students who drive to school shall turn in their keys to the High School Office before 7:40 a.m. and report to homeroom thereafter. A student who drives to school and is tardy three (3) times (unexcused/illegal) will be issued a driving privilege suspension. After twenty (20) consecutive days of perfect attendance the student may petition the building administrator to restore driving privileges. Petitioning the administration may only be done once through the course of the school year. Providing that driving privileges are restored, and the student driver receives three (3) additional unexcused/illegal tardies, his/her driving privilege will be revoked for the remainder of the school year.
2. Student parking areas are limited to the areas in the back of the school by the locker rooms and on the sides in the back. Parking in the grass will not be acceptable and discipline will be issued. Vehicles found illegally parked will be towed at the owner's expense.
3. Vehicles shall be locked at all times while parked on school property.
4. Students are not permitted to be inside their vehicles during the school day, special permission must be granted by the office staff or administration. Students violating this rule will be disciplined, and driving privilege will be suspended.

5. Students caught leaving school without special permission will be disciplined, and driving privilege will be revoked until further notice or student may petition the building administrator for reinstatement of driving privilege.
6. Careless driving -- i.e. burning tires, speeding, or other vehicle code violations on school property -- will not be tolerated. Each incident will be looked at closely by administration and discipline will follow. Driving privilege will be suspended/revoked depending on severity of incident.
7. Students will be issued parking permits from the school district. A cost of \$5.00 will be charged. This money is refundable. The pass is turned back in to the office at the conclusion of the school year. (Pass must be able to be re-used in the future.)
8. Students must adhere to a 10 m.p.h. speed limit while on school property.
9. If a student drives to school while driving privilege is suspended/revoked, school administration will have the vehicle towed off of school property at owner's expense.
10. Keys shall be turned into the office every morning upon arrival to school. Keys will be available to the students at the end of the school day. No keys will be given out prior to the dismissal bell at 2:46 p.m.
11. Students must remain parked until the last bus leaves the school.
12. Students are not permitted to use the driveway going across the front of the building. All student traffic will exit by way of the side driveways around the school.
13. Student drivers are limited to blood relatives riding to and from school with them. All other passengers must have both permission from their parents/guardians and also permission from the driver's parents/guardians. Written permission must be on file with the school for all passengers riding to and from school (including blood relatives).
14. Students attending the Mon-Valley Career and Technology Center are not permitted to drive to the Vo-Tech. Special permission must be obtained in advance for this. Students driving Vo-Tech will be disciplined, and driving privilege will be suspended.
15. Parking areas will be monitored throughout the course of the day.
16. School administration reserves the right to suspend/revoke any student driver's privilege at any time.