

Centennial High School Vehicle Registration and Parking Agreement

1. The parking of a motor vehicle at school is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked at any time if the privilege is abused. Excessive lateness, leaving school grounds, reckless driving, vandalism, and possession of illegal substances are all examples of actions that would result in the revocation of parking privileges.
2. The cost of obtaining a parking permit is **\$15.00**. All vehicles parked in the student lot must display a valid parking permit. Student parking is on a first-come, first-served basis. A parking permit is issued for an assigned vehicle. The parking tag is not to be traded, sold, passed on to, or loaned to other drivers. The permit number and vehicle must correspond to the school's records, or the parking privilege will be revoked. If the permit is lost, a payment of \$15.00 must be paid to procure a replacement. Any student displaying a forged or altered permit will lose the privilege to park for the remainder of the school year.
3. Students may park in any spot delineated by white lines; yellow lines indicate staff parking for both CHS and BBMS. Student spaces are located in our main lot and in the lot closest to the Burleigh Manor basketball courts. **Students may not park in any yellow staff spaces, the bus loading/unloading zone, or along any curbs.** Students parking in these areas may be subject to ticketing by the police.
4. Any student parking in the faculty/staff parking area may have their parking privileges revoked.
5. Regulations governing safe and courteous motor vehicle conduct on the roads also apply to the campus of Centennial High School. Infractions will be reported to the Howard County Police. Violators will have their parking permit suspended.
6. This is to notify you that periodic drug scans will be conducted on school premises by K-9 teams from the Howard County Police Department. This action is being taken to protect you and work toward a drug-free school environment. You are being given prior notice of this program pursuant to School System policy.
7. Once you have parked your car, lock it and do not return to it until the end of the day. Students are not to be in the parking lot between 7:25am and 2:20 pm. If you need to go to your car, you must have permission from an administrator. Being in the parking lot during the above times is considered to be insubordination and will be handled as a discipline issue.
8. Students are expected to identify themselves when asked and to cooperate with security, Centennial High School staff, and the Howard County Police Department at all times.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

A Message to Parents of Teen Drivers

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for teens and young adults. More than 5,500 young people die every year in car crashes and thousands more are injured. Parents can plan an important role in reducing these numbers and keeping their teens alive.

The following are ways you can help keep your teen safe on the road:

- ❖ Be a role model. If you expect your teen to drive safely, you need to drive safely, too.
- ❖ Always wear your seat belt.
- ❖ Don't drink and drive. Never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in the car.
- ❖ Don't eat, drink, talk on your cell phone, or do anything else that could distract you from your driving.
- ❖ Stay within the speed limit and obey all traffic signals.
- ❖ Know the laws in your state. It is important that you know and understand the graduated driver licensing (GDL) laws where you live. Specifically, you need to know the restrictions and limitations on teen drivers who have permits and provisional licenses. You must also learn about your own legal responsibilities for providing a good supervised driving experience for your teen.
- ❖ Set specific rules that must be followed (See Parent-Teen Driving Agreement).
- ❖ At first, the restrictions you set should be strict. You can gradually relax the rules after your teen has demonstrated safe driving. And the rules you set should depend on the maturity level of your teen.
- ❖ Because so many crashes occur in the first 6 months of unsupervised driving, your teen shouldn't drive teen passengers or driver after 9:00 pm at first. And don't ask your teen to give rides to younger siblings until he or she has had extensive driving experience. After your teen has demonstrated safe driving for 6 months, you might allow 1 passenger and a later curfew (for example, 10:00 pm). Before allowing more passengers, keep in mind that more passengers make it more likely that your teen will have a crash. Studies show that 1 passenger increases the risk of a crash by 40%, 2 passengers doubles the risk, and 3 passengers almost quadruples the risk.
- ❖ Enforce strict penalties. Generally, penalties for breaking the contract should match the seriousness of the rule broken. Punishments for reckless driving, such as speeding or drunk driving, should be strict and may involve loss of driving privileges.
- ❖ Take your teen on the road. The 6 hours of driving practice in many driver education programs is not enough. Your teen needs a lot more supervised driving practice, and some nighttime driving is important, too. Some states require 50 hours of supervised practice. There are books, videos, and classes for parents on how to teach teen drivers. Remember that you'll probably need a lot of patience.
- ❖ Check out the car. Make sure the car your teen is driving is safe and in good condition. If your teen is buying a car, help your teen research safety ratings and find a mechanic to inspect the car. Air bags and lap-shoulder belts in the rear seat are important safety features.
- ❖ Make a tough decision. If you're concerned that your teen may not be ready to drive, you can prevent your teen from getting a license. All states allow parents to block their teen from getting a license if the teen is thought to be immature or reckless.

For more information:

American Academy of Pediatrics (www.aap.org)

AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety (www.aafoundation.org)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
(www.nhtsa.gov)

National Safety Council (www.nsc.org)

Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (www.safety.org)

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Parent-Teen Driving Agreement

I, _____, will drive carefully and cautiously and will be courteous to other drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians at all times.

I promise that I will obey the rules of the road.

- ❖ Always wear a seat belt and make all my passengers buckle up.
- ❖ Obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs, and road markings.
- ❖ Stay within the speed limit and drive safely.
- ❖ Never use the car to race or to try to impress others.
- ❖ Never give rides to hitchhikers.

I promise that I will make sure I can stay focused on driving.

- ❖ Drive with both hands on the wheel.
- ❖ Never eat, drink, or use a cell phone as I drive.
- ❖ Drive only when I am alert and in emotional control.
- ❖ Call my parents for a ride home if I am impaired in any way that interferes with my ability to drive safely.

I promise that I will respect laws about drugs and alcohol.

- ❖ Drive only when I am alcohol and drug free.
- ❖ Never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in the car.
- ❖ Be a passenger only with drivers who are alcohol and drug free.

I promise that I will be a responsible driver:

- ❖ Drive only when I have permission to use the car and will not let anyone else drive the car unless I have permission.
- ❖ Drive someone else's car only if I have parental permission.
- ❖ Pay all traffic citations or parking tickets.
- ❖ Complete my family responsibilities and maintain good grades at school as listed here:

- ❖ Contribute to the cost of gasoline, maintenance, and insurance as listed here:

I agree to the following restrictions, but understand that these restrictions will be modified by my parents as I get more driving experience and demonstrate that I am a responsible driver.

For the next _____ months, I will not drive after _____ p.m.

For the next _____ months, I will not transport more than _____ teen passengers (unless I am supervised by a responsible adult).

For the next _____ months, I won't adjust the stereo or air conditioning/heater while the car is moving.

For the next _____ months, I will not drive in bad weather.

I understand that I am not permitted to drive to off-limit locations or on roads and highways as listed here: _____

I agree to follow the rules and restrictions in this contract. I understand that my parents will impose penalties (see below), including removal of my driving privilege, if I violate the contract. I also understand that my parents will allow me greater driving privileges as I become more experienced and as I demonstrate that I am always a safe and responsible driver.

Penalties for contract violations

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| • Drove after drinking alcohol or using drugs | No driving for _____ months |
| • Got ticket for speeding or moving violation | No driving for _____ months |
| • Drove after night driving curfew | No driving for _____ months |
| • Drove too many passengers | No driving for _____ months |
| • Broke promise about seat belts (self and others) | No driving for _____ months |
| • Drove on a road or an off-limits location | No driving for _____ months |

Student Driver Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Promise: I also agree to drive safely and to be an excellent role model.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____