

STUDENT DRIVING POLICY

(from 2015-2016 High School Student Handbook, adopted by the Olentangy Board of Education 5/14/2015)

DRIVING REGULATIONS

In the interest of student safety, provisions have been made to provide bus transportation for all students to and from school. Those students granted permission to operate a vehicle should understand that driving their vehicles to school is a privilege that may be revoked by the school authorities in the event a student violates any of the guidelines pertaining to the Driving Regulations. In order to obtain a parking permit, students may be placed in the random drug testing pool.

The Olentangy Local Schools assumes no responsibility or liability for injuries to persons or for damage to or loss of contents from any vehicle while on school property.

Any student wishing to drive to school must abide by the following rules:

1. Students must observe a proper speed while on the school grounds.
2. Students must park only in the proper student parking lot.
3. Students may not park in faculty or visitor parking lots.
4. Students are not to drive on the grass.
5. School buses have the right-of-way at all times.
6. Students must be out of their cars and in school by 7:15 a.m.
7. Driving privileges may be denied for violation of Attendance Policies (to include absences, tardies and/or leaving school without permission).
8. Cars are to be parked within parking lines.
9. Students are not allowed to move their cars without permission from the office.
10. Students are to complete a Pupil Driving Permit Registration and Agreement form, available in the main office and on the district website. Upon completion and return of this form, a high school permit will be issued. A parking fee will be charged. The permit must be displayed from the front mirror of the car that is being driven to school. Failure to do so may result in school discipline.
11. Violation of these rules may result in suspension of driving privileges for a period of time to be determined by the principal or principal's designee.
12. Students are not to loiter in their cars.

LOSS OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES

When the superintendent of the school district receives information that the student of compulsory school age has:

1. Been absent without legitimate excuse for more than ten consecutive days or a total of at least fifteen school days;
2. Withdrawn from school for a reason other than a change of residence and is not enrolled in and attending an approved program to obtain a diploma or its equivalent;
3. Been suspended or expelled from school and the reason for the suspension or expulsion is the use or possession of alcohol and/or drugs; or,
4. Been suspended or expelled from school pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2923.122 (A), (B), (D) and (E) (1), knowingly conveying, or attempting to convey, a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, knowingly possessing a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance on school premises, in a school or school building, at a school activity or on a school bus.

The superintendent may be required to notify the registrar of motor vehicles and the juvenile judge of the county. The registrar of motor vehicles is required to suspend the temporary instruction permit or driver's license of the student who is the subject of the notice. If a temporary permit or license has not been issued for that student, the registrar is prohibited from issuing a temporary permit or a license. Denial of privileges will remain in effect until the student reaches age 18, or until the denial is terminated for another reason allowed by law. The student will have an opportunity to present evidence that s/he has not been habitually absent without legitimate excuse.

SCHOOL'S RIGHT TO SEARCH

Lockers, desks or storage places provided for student use are, and remain at all times, property of the Olentangy Local School District Board of Education. These areas and the contents, therefore, are subject to a random search at any time, pursuant to board policy. Random searches of lockers and vehicles may include the assistance of dogs trained to detect the presence of drugs. Administrators are authorized to conduct reasonable inspection of school property or of students and items brought upon school grounds, including vehicles, when there is reasonable cause to believe that a student may be in possession of evidence that a law or a school rule has been violated. In addition, the contents of a cell phone or other electronic devices may be searched if there is a reasonable suspicion that it may have been used in an activity prohibited by the Code of Conduct.