LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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223. USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee regards the use of motor vehicles for travel to and from school by students as a privilege and an assumption of responsibility by parents and students.
2. Authority	The Joint Operating Committee strongly recommends that students use the bus transportation provided by the School. The Joint Operating Committee and School Administration expect all parents and students to read and comply with all of the driving/parking/riding regulations should they elect not to use the bus transportation. There must be a legitimate reason to drive and the reason must be specified on the "Student Driving Registration Form". The Joint Operating Committee shall not be responsible for motor vehicles that are lost, stolen, or damaged.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The school principal or designee shall develop rules and regulations for operating and parking of motor vehicles and shall disseminate those rules to affected students.
4. Guidelines	<u>Driving/Parking/Riding Regulations</u> Permission to drive a vehicle to school is a privilege, given to students by the school with the understanding that students will drive responsibly and obey all regulations. Failure to do so shall result in loss of those privileges. Driving privileges may also be suspended for those students who leave campus without authorization from the administration and those students who are habitually tardy. Loss of driving privileges on account of tardiness shall be as follows: Upon 3rd tardy, loss of driving privilege for five (5) school days; Upon 4th tardy, loss of driving privilege for ten (10) school days; and Upon 5th tardy, loss of driving privilege for remainder of school year. If a student's driving privileges are suspended or revoked, the student's vehicle may not be parked on campus during this time.

1. Any vehicle a student drives must be registered. The permit, issued by the school, must be clearly displayed in the front window while entering and being parked on school grounds.

2. Interchanging permits with other students is prohibited.

3. All students must park in assigned areas. Vehicles must be backed in spots, where appropriate. Students may not park in the teachers or visitors parking areas or those specified for adult students. Regardless of circumstances, students may not park in irregular patterns.

4. Permission for riders shall be the responsibility of the driver's and rider's parents.

5. Students must drive safely and obey all traffic signs.

6. Students are not permitted in the parking lot at any time during the school day without authorization from an administrator. Hall passes may not be used for the parking lot.

7. If a student is tardy due to traffic congestion, it is considered an unexcused tardy. Students should allow ample time to drive to school and be in homeroom on time.

8. Car trouble, which results in tardiness or absenteeism, is not an excused absence.

9. Any behavior involving student drivers or riders that threatens the security or safety of students and vehicles shall be dealt with firmly.

10. Temporary permits are available with written permission from the student's parent/guardian and by reporting to the office where name, date, license plate number, make of car and insurance information will be recorded. A temporary permit will be issued for one (1) day, provided it is applied for at least one (1) day in advance, unless it is an emergency, and displayed in the front window. Students must follow all rules applicable to those driving regularly.

11. Any unauthorized/unregistered vehicle shall be towed and/or detained at the owner's expense. No warning is necessary for a vehicle to be towed. Student's vehicles shall be towed if parked in any place other than the designated student parking areas or parked improperly in the student lot.

12. Students must yield the right of way to school busses.

13. Student must drive only vehicles that are registered with the school, under the student’s name. Students may not drive another student's vehicle on school property.

14. Driving Offenses:

a. Minor - not displaying permit, not parking properly, not parking in designated student areas, being in the parking lot without proper authorization, driving another student's vehicle or allowing another student to drive your vehicle on school property.

1st Offense - permit must be turned in; driving privileges suspended for five (5) school days.

2nd Offense - permit must be turned in; driving privileges suspended for thirty (30) school days.

3rd Offense - permit must be turned in; driving privileges suspended for the remainder of the school year.

b. Major -Speeding, driving or behaving irresponsibly, leaving school grounds or driving the car for any reason without authorization from an administrator, interchanging permits with other students.

1st Offense - permit must be turned in; driving is suspended for sixty (60) school days.

2nd Offense - permit must be turned in; driving is suspended for the remainder of the school year; could include permanent suspension of driving privileges.

15. Other Offenses:

a. Irresponsible behavior or violating the Code of Student Behavior, including, but not limited to, transporting or possessing drugs, alcohol or weapons on school property or possessing other "contraband", may result in loss of driving privilege.

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