

BURGETTSTOWN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT DRIVING

Driving to school is a privilege. In the interest of student safety, provisions have been made to provide bus transportation for all students to and from school.

Student driving contributes to the possibility of accidents, tardiness, truancy, and parking problems. Therefore, no student will be permitted to drive to school without having obtained a permit from the high school office or without the permission of the Principal.

Permission to drive a licensed vehicle to school shall not be extended to motorcycles, motor bikes, or similar vehicles.

Those students granted permission to operate a vehicle should understand that driving their vehicles to school is a privilege which may be revoked by the school authorities in the event a student violated any of the guidelines pertaining to the Student Driving Policy.

Those students granted permission to operate a vehicle or park a vehicle on school property do so with the understanding that vehicles may be searched by school officials upon reasonable suspicion that said vehicle may contain contraband or illegal substances. The District adopts this aspect of the Student Driving Policy because contraband and illegal substances interfere with the District's duty to provide a safe, drug-free environment conducive to education and to maintain discipline in the classroom and on school grounds. The District will not tolerate such interference.

Parent signature and student signature on the Student Driving Registration Form will constitute parent notification and acceptance of the District's right to search a vehicle under the circumstances described above.

Burgettstown Area School District assumes no responsibility or liability for injuries to persons or for damage or loss of contents from any vehicle while on school property.

STUDENT DRIVING POLICY GUIDELINES

1. All students qualifying for a driving permit must fill out the required auto registration form in the high school office. Both the parent/guardian must read and sign the driving application. This should be done prior to the beginning of school since all unregistered vehicles will be issued citations.
2. The owner's card, proof of auto liability insurance and current driver's license must be presented at time of registration (copies will be accepted).
3. A parking permit fee of **\$20.00** must be paid at time of registration. The permit must be hung from the rear view mirror. It is recommended that you keep the parking tag in the glove compartment while you are off school property as it is illegal to have an item hanging from one's mirror while driving. By signing the application, you waive the school of any responsibility of the parking permit.
4. A temporary parking fee of \$1.00 will be charged with the permit good only on the date of issue. The permit must hang on the back of the rear view mirror with the information side facing the windshield. This permit will be issued at the discretion of the administration.
5. A parking permit will only be good for the specific vehicle(s) registered.
6. Student parking will be assigned to the lot to the south of the building, between the school and the bus garage. The parking lot to the front of the building is limited to faculty and staff and is strictly off-limits to student drivers. ***There is absolutely no parking permitted on the road around the high school, in the elementary parking lots, and/or at the baseball field complex.***
7. Cars parked in the student parking lot without a permit may be ticketed by police, or towed at the owner's expense, for unauthorized parking.
8. Parking in the circle in the front of the building is not permitted. The area is posted as a Fire Lane. Parking in the faculty lot by students is not permitted. Any car parked in either location will be ticketed by the police and/or towed at the owner's expense.
9. While driving on school property, all vehicles must observe all traffic laws and must adhere to a fifteen (15) mile per hour speed limit. Speeding or reckless driving on school property will not be tolerated and will be reported to parents/guardians and the proper law enforcement agency. **Students are not permitted to cut through the elementary parking lot to access the high school parking lot.**
10. Students are not to visit or move the vehicle during the school day and/or leave the parking lot until the buses have loaded and departed without Administrative approval.

11. Once a vehicle is parked, the student is to enter the building as soon as possible. Students are not permitted “joy riding” or coming and going back and forth from the parking lot. To “linger” is to “loiter” and disciplinary action will be invoked.
12. Student registration for driving privilege permits only that student to drive that registered vehicle on school property.
13. Absolutely no passengers are to be driven to school unless prior approval has been presented to and obtained from the principal’s office.
14. Approved student passengers must have written permission signed by their parents or legal guardians to ride in a vehicle operated by a specific student driver. The student driver’s parent or guardian must also give written permission for the driver to transport specific other students to school.
15. Brothers and sisters living in the same household are permitted in the student driver’s vehicle; however, they should be included on the passenger list.
16. It is forbidden to pass school buses on school property, on Bavington Road, or in Burgettstown. To do so is to lose one’s driving privilege.
17. Low grades or general misbehavior in the school may result in the loss of one’s driving privilege.
18. Continued tardiness will result in a loss of driving privileges. Any student operating a vehicle who is late arriving to school six (6) times during the course of the semester will be subject to further discipline.
19. Violations of the rules and/or regulations of driving or in conduct on school property may result in the suspension of one’s driving privilege.
20. Any student caught driving on school property after having driving privileges suspended will be subject to further disciplinary action.
21. The parent and student acknowledge the district policy on vehicle searches and understand that upon reasonable suspicion by school officials, a vehicle may be searched for illegal substances or contraband. ***A complete copy of this policy is available in the school office.***