

Mount Vernon Academy's Automobiles and Transportation Policy and Authorization

Mount Vernon Academy (MVA) recognizes that automobiles can and do take the lives of thousands of teenagers each year. Most teenage-driver accidents occur when more than one teenager is in the car. Statistics show that 50% of first-year teenage drivers will have an accident within six months of receiving their driver's license.

Mount Vernon Academy wants to cooperate with parents in their decisions regarding their teenager and automobiles – we both are concerned about safety. If the parents want to allow their teenagers to drive a car while attending MVA, we will honor their instructions under the following guidelines:

1. MVA student drivers must demonstrate they have a valid driver's license, an automobile that is properly licensed, minimum liability insurance, and the vehicle must be registered to a member of the student's family.
2. All vehicles driven onto campus by MVA students must be registered with the Administrative Office. Students will receive a vehicle permit (which must be affixed in the lower-left corner of their rear window) and a required parking spot.
3. Transporting dormitory or other village students (excluding immediate family members previously authorized by parents) around or off campus is not permitted. MVA students may not borrow or drive other students' vehicles.
4. Village students are expected to use their vehicle as transportation to school at the beginning of the day and from school at the end of the school day. Dorm students may have vehicles for transportation to and from homeleave. Driving vehicles to different campus locations throughout the school day is not permissible. Students are expected to keep their cars in their parking spot until they leave campus.
5. Leisurely leaving and returning to campus throughout the school day (including lunch) is not permitted. If students wish to leave campus during the school day, a signed letter from parents must be presented in advance to administration requesting permission.
6. Students leaving campus must sign out. Village students should sign out in the main office, and dorm students should sign out with their Dean.
7. Students (including the student with the driving privilege) may not loiter or eat in or around the parked vehicle.
8. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in suspension of student driving privileges.

Student's initials _____ *Parent's Initials* _____

Homeleave and Overnight Visitation Policy

Students must have specific permission from their dean before leaving campus for any reason other than an official school function or activity. The following guidelines must be met for all campus leaves:

1. Complete the *Campus Leave Form*, receive appropriate signatures, and return it to the dean. Failure to get all required signatures may result in denial of permission to leave campus. Faxed permission from the parent/guardian may be required before the dean grants permission.
2. Each time a student checks out of the dorm for an overnight visit, there must be a written invitation from the host/hostess as well as written permission from parent/guardian.
3. If the intended driver has not been previously authorized by the parent/guardian, written authorization must be faxed to the dean before permission will be granted.
4. If the student is going to another destination other than their home or to another student's home, the parent/guardian of both parents must fax their permission to the dean(s) before permission will be granted.
5. Signing out at the dorm before leaving campus is required for any reason. Students are expected to go home during regularly scheduled home leaves and vacations unless the dean grants special permission.
6. Home leaves terminate when the student returns to campus – students may not arrive and leave campus without specific permission from the dean. Home leave ends at 9:00p.m. Students returning after that time may be fined.

School-sponsored Events & Transportation

Full-time and part-time Mount Vernon Academy Staff and Board of Trustees are authorized to transport students. MVA students will be required to use MVA transportation to school events unless arrangements have been.

Parental Authorization

My student and I have read the policies on both sides of this sheet of paper and agree to comply with all of them.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____