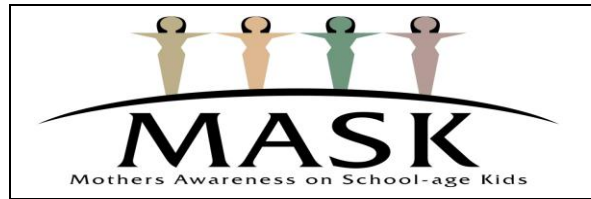


Parent/Teen Driver Contract



General Principle. *The purpose of this agreement is to establish rules and expectations regarding use and operation of an automobile.*

I recognize that driving is a privilege, not a right. The State grants this privilege to me, after determining that I meet the basic legal requirements for a license. However, it is also a privilege granted to me by my parents, who are under no obligation to do so, and who may withdraw the privilege at any time.

I understand that the car I drive is property of my parents, even if I pay for part or all of it, even if it is given to me as a “gift”. Because I am a minor, my parents remain responsible for much of my behavior.

I recognize that recklessness or errors that I make while driving could kill or hurt me, kill or hurt passengers in my car, and/or kill or hurt people in other cars and pedestrians. Among those that could be victims of my driving mistakes are: babies, children, my friends, my family members, parents of children, and many others.

I understand that I will only be allowed to drive when I am willing to abide by the rules and regulations established by my parents.

_____ **1. The Vehicle.** Driving an automobile is an expensive privilege. The purpose of this section is to designate which costs and general maintenance are the responsibilities of the driver. I will be required to pay for the following:

- _____ % Cost of Vehicle
- _____ % Vehicle Registration
- _____ % Cost of Fuel
- _____ % Maintenance Costs
- _____ % Damage due to abuse
- _____ % Insurance Coverage
- _____ % Fines and Penalties
- _____ % Collision Damage
- _____ % Insurance Costs due to Driving Record

I will be responsible for the following:

- _____ Check fluids
- _____ Inspect and check tires
- _____ Report unusual performance
- _____ Clean all windows
- _____ Maintain ¼ tank of gas at all times
- _____ Do normal maintenance

- _____ Wash and wax vehicle
- _____ Keep interior clean

_____ **2. Insurance.** My insurance rates will be established for a driver who gets a good student discount, discount for driver training, and who has no traffic tickets or accidents. At present, the cost of insurance is \$ _____ for (liability only / full coverage). I will pay on any vehicle damage except for no-fault accidents covered by the other driver.

_____ **3. Traffic Tickets.** I will obey all traffic laws. I am responsible for paying any traffic tickets, and any citation which results in a reduction in driving privileges. Traffic tickets typically range from \$50 to \$200 for simple negligence with reckless acts being significantly higher. Violations will result in suspension of my driving privileges for a period to be determined by my parents.

_____ **4. Seat belts.** I agree to wear a seat belt and to require all passengers to wear a seat belt at all times. I will not take more passengers than the number of seat belts. Seat belts will be fastened before the car moves.

_____ **5. RED LIGHTS.** I will not RUN Red Lights. I will make sure that I am aware at all times the traffic lights, and gage my speed accordingly, so I'm not put in a situation to run a red light.

_____ **6. Restricted Activities While Driving.** I agree to devote my complete and undivided attention to driving while operating an automobile. An unusually high number of accidents are caused (or tickets received) when the driver is distracted or engaged in other activities than driving the car. I agree not to eat or drink when driving. I will not change CDs or "fiddle" with the radio, or IPODS when the car is moving. I will not use any cellular devices, including to text message, when the car is moving. I will pull over for any operations such as using beepers, cell phones, and electronic equipment.

_____ **7. Substance Use.** I shall never operate a motor vehicle while in a mental or physical state that would render vehicle operation unsafe. This includes alcohol, illegal drugs, certain prescription drugs, and emotions of very extreme anger or just showing off. I shall not be a passenger of a driver as described above with no exceptions.

EXIT PLAN-If for some unexplained reason either of the above situations exists, **I will seek alternate transportation or will call a parent for advice and/or transportation at any hour from any place with no questions asked and no argument at any time.** We expect that a discussion of such an incident would follow at a later time. I will not allow alcohol or illegal drugs in the vehicle.

_____ **8. Directions.** An unusually high number of accidents are caused (or tickets received) when the driver is uncertain where he or she is going. I need to know where I am going and precisely how I will get there before leaving. If I am ever lost or uncertain I will, stop and ask for directions and notify my family of any delays. Keep my family informed of your destination and approximate time of arrival and departure as well as route taken.

I will state my destination and time of return prior to using any vehicle. I will notify my parents if I think I will be more than 30 minutes late.

_____ **9. Late Departure.** Additionally, a number of accidents are caused by not allowing enough time to arrive at your designation at the required or promised time. I am responsible for allowing the appropriate amount of time to ‘get ready’ and to “drive responsibly” to get to my destination on time.

10. Emotions. I will not drive if I am angry, sad, or frustrated. I will not leave a situation in my car angry or upset. I realize that getting into, or driving a car while my emotions are not under control only make me susceptible to making bad decisions, and can lead to unsafe driving.

_____ **11. User Privileges.** I Understand that there is a significant amount of driving and errands that must be performed to keep our family functioning at the level we have chosen. In exchange for the use of a vehicle, plus other privileges you enjoy, you agree to help with family driving and errands. Errands will be performed with a positive, helpful attitude. Sometimes these responsibilities will override my own desires and interests in using the car. I understand the privilege will be linked to my performance at home and at school, such things as:

(Please make fit for your family beliefs and structure, these are some ideas.)

- _____ Doing duties at home properly and on time, including the following:
- _____ Making bed, cleaning room, picking up clothes and school items.
- _____ Showing proper respect for parents, siblings, and others.
- _____ Grades, conduct and effort at school – GPA shall be a minimum of 3.0
- _____ Obeying my curfew.
- _____ Excessive complaining or negativism on any or all rules in this contract to either parent will result in suspension of my driving privileges for a period to be determined by my parents.
- _____ I understand that rest and nutrition is needed for my physical and mental fitness. On nights prior to a school day, all studies, showering, and eating will cease by _____ p.m. for “lights out”. To ensure adequate studying is done before “lights out”, a time limit of _____ hr on the computer/watching TV is imposed whether for school or for pleasure. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. A balanced meal of carbs and protein will be eaten each morning prior to school.

_____ **11. Gasoline.** There is no excuse for running out of gas. I agree to keep my gas tank no less than ¼ full at all times.

_____ **12. Curfew.** There shall be a curfew imposed upon the Driver. On school days, curfew shall be _____ p.m. On weekends and other non-school days during the driver’s 16th year, curfew shall be _____. As of the driver’s 17th birthday, curfew on weekends and other non-school days shall be _____.

_____ **13. Miscellaneous.** I will inform my parents about any and all accidents and encounters with police. I must ask permission to drive each time I drive. Exceptions to this rule will be given for regularly scheduled transportation to school, work, regular meetings, etc. I will not permit any other person to drive the car. I will respect weather and road conditions, slowing down as needed for safety. I will contact my parents to discuss weather or poor road conditions when I am out driving. I will not allow my passengers to behave in such a way as to damage the car or distract me while driving. I will not allow smoking in the car. In my car, I will always have my registration, insurance card, emergency phone numbers, jumper cables and fire extinguisher.

_____ **14. Amendments.** We have used our best efforts to cover issues surrounding the use of an automobile; however, we reserve the right to modify this agreement in the future.

I agree to abide by the rules in this contract and I accept the consequences and penalties if I do not. I recognize my parent's authority in deciding if I may drive. That authority is final until I am an adult living independent of them.

Signed on _____ day of _____, _____

Parent /Guardian _____

Parent /Guardian _____

Son/Daughter _____

Parent Teen Driving Contract

- Motor vehicle accidents (MVAs) are the leading cause of death in people age 16 to 20. MVAs account for about 1/3 of deaths of people in this age group.
- People age 16 to 20 have the highest fatality rate due to MVAs than that of any other age group.
- People age 16 to 20 make up only 5% of drivers and only 3% of all the miles driven by all drivers. Any yet they are involved in 15% of traffic deaths.
- About 5000 teenagers of driving age die in automobile accidents every year.
- For every teenager killed, about 100 have injuries that are not fatal. MVAs are the leading cause of disability related to head and spinal cord injuries.
- 16-year old drivers are 20 times as likely to have an MVA as are people in the general population of drivers.
- 17-year old drivers are 6 times more likely to have an MVA as are people in the general population of drivers.