

Adopted: _____

Rochester STEM Academy

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525 Rochester STEM Academy Student Driving & Parking Policy=

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for use and parking of motor vehicles by students in school district locations, to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the health, safety and welfare of students and school personnel.

II. General Statement of Policy

The policy of this school district is to allow the limited use and parking of motor vehicles by students in school district locations. The position of the school district is that a fair and equitable district-wide student motor vehicle policy will contribute to the quality of the student's educational experience, will maintain order and discipline in the schools, and will protect the health, safety and welfare of students and school personnel. This policy applies to all students in the school district. Notification of this policy will be printed in the student handbook and disseminated in other ways that the school administration deems appropriate.

All Juniors and Seniors who wish to drive to school must follow the Student Driving & Parking Policy, register their vehicles with the school, and receive a parking tag. Juniors and Seniors are allowed to drive to school as a matter of privilege, not of right. A student who is in violation of the driving policy may lose his/her parking privileges and have his/her vehicle towed at the owner's expense.

The following is the Rochester STEM Academy Student Driving & Parking Policy:

- Students must
 - be a Junior or a Senior;
 - meet the “Eligibility Rules” for extra-curricular and athletics as outlined in the *Student Handbook*;
- Each vehicle that a student drives to school must be registered and re-registered each year.
 - Forms are available in the main office and online.
 - Student must provide a copy of their driver's license, insurance card, and registration.
- All State Vehicle and Traffic Laws must be obeyed at all times
 - Violations of any law may result in Law Enforcement action and/or a school sanction including towing of the vehicle off school property.
- All students who drive to school **must** have the official driving tag prominently displayed from the rearview mirror.
- Students may lose their driving privileges if they:
 - Fail to follow direction from campus security/parking officials
 - are academically ineligible for a given marking period (below a C average);
 - park in areas other than student spaces in the parking lot;
 - drive in a dangerous or reckless manner;

- are truant;
 - exceed five (5) unexcused tardies to school;
 - cuts a class/study hall/lunch;
 - transport students off school grounds during the day;
 - leave school grounds during the day without authorized permission;
 - loiter in the parking lot during the day;
 - give their car keys to another student;
 - drive to school without their proper parking tag.
- The RSA School District retains authority to conduct routine patrols of the student parking lot and to inspect the exteriors of student automobiles on school property.
 - The interiors of student vehicles may be inspected whenever a school authority has “*reasonable suspicion*” to believe that illegal or unauthorized materials are contained inside.
 - Such patrols and inspections may be conducted without notice, without a student’s consent, and without a search warrant. This is similar to school locker policy.
 - Students who do not return their driving tag at the end of the school year may not be issued a driving tag for the next school year and may incur a fee of \$10.00 for reinstatement.

Legal References:

U.S. Const., amend. IV

Minn. Const., art. I, 10

Minn. Stat. 123B.02, Subds. 1 and 5 (General Powers of Independent School Districts) *New Jersey v. T.L.O.*, 469 U.S. 325, 105 S.Ct. 733, 83 L.Ed.2d 720 (1985)

Cross References:

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 417 (Chemical Use and Abuse)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 418 (Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 501 (School Weapons Policy)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 502 (Search of Student Lockers Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student’s Person)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 7012 (Video Surveillance Other Than on Buses)

Rochester STEM Academy Driver/Parking Registration

STUDENT DRIVER REGISTRATION PERMIT # _____ (Office Use Only)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

PLEASE EXPLAIN NEED TO DRIVE TO SCHOOL _____

VEHICLES

MAKE _____ COLOR _____ LICENSE PLATE # _____

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YOU AGREE TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF VEHICLE OR PLATE NUMBERS CHANGE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. SENIORS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK IN THE AUDITORIUM PARKING LOT.

I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE STUDENT DRIVING AND PARKING POLICY FOR ROCHESTER STEM ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL INCLUDING UPDATE AS THEY APPEAR IN EACH ANNUAL PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK. I UNDERSTAND THE REGULATIONS, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES OF THE POLICY.

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE STUDENT DRIVING AND PARKING POLICY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN MY DRIVING PRIVILEGES TO SCHOOL.

_____ Student Signature / Date

_____ Parent Signature / Date

_____ Approved By / Date