

STUDENT DRIVING

All students are provided bus transportation. Because of our lack of parking facilities, a proximity of the elementary school and church, and concern for the safety of students, student driving is generally not allowed if the student's schedule permits him or her to utilize the school bus transportation system.

Driving permits will be issued by the high school administration for students who cannot utilize the school bus system for one of the following prioritized reasons:

1. Students enrolled in O.W.E. or B.O.E. at Columbia.
2. Students who are enrolled in a college, under the credit-in-escrow program, or who are enrolled in another educational program, the schedule of which would prohibit the student from having sufficient time to utilize the school bus system.
3. Students who are employed, if such employment requires that the student report to work at a time which would prohibit the student from having sufficient time to take the school bus to his or her home prior to work. Employee verification will be required.
4. Students who must drive because of an extreme hardship involving personal illness or disability, family illness, or other documented emergencies.
5. Students who are participating in a school-sponsored activity which commences so soon after school dismissal that the student would not have sufficient time to take the school bus to his or her home prior to such activity. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis with upper classmen getting priority for available spaces.

The Columbia Local Schools is issuing a driving permit for the convenience of the student. The school district does not assume any liability related to the operation of the vehicle for either the driver or the passenger. The administration shall only approve applications to the extent that parking space is available.

Permission to drive must be obtained before a student is permitted to drive to school. Missing a school bus shall not be considered a justification for driving; students who miss the high school bus may ride the elementary bus.

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