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**GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS BRINGING CARS TO SCHOOL**

Driving a car creates opportunities—and responsibilities. In order to assure the safety of Bais Yaakov students and to insure an orderly situation at school, both matters of great concern, we have established the following guidelines and regulations for students driving to and from school.

1. Both Twelfth Graders and Eleventh Graders (only, Tenth Graders may never bring cars to school, even after obtaining a license) may bring cars only as stipulated on the carpool form (as part of a carpool that includes a minimum of four regular occupants or students from three families). Students will be expected to submit a list of all students with whom they are riding to school.
2. Cars must be parked only in the parking lots and areas that are designated for students. There is no parking for high school students in the Middle School lot, but several student spaces are being added at the top of the drive, as one turns right onto the Middle School drive.
3. Students may not leave the school premises during any part of the school day without express permission from a member of the administration, whether in their own car or in the car of another student. **Students will not be permitted to go home to retrieve forgotten lunches, school materials, medical items (i.e. contact lenses), etc...**
4. Any student who is permitted to leave school in her own car because she is not feeling well, or for an unexcused personal reason, is not permitted to return to school on the same day.
5. Any student who leaves school grounds in her car or in the car of another student (or Uber service, etc...) without authorization, during any part of the school day, will automatically forfeit her right to bring a car to school at any future time and will be subject to suspension. This includes leaving before dismissal time if **any** occupant's teacher has not dismissed the class.
6. Students spending time in their cars on the parking lot during the school day will likewise forfeit the right to bring their cars to school.
7. Students who drive to school or who ride in the cars of other students may not stop to purchase any food items or drinks at any commercial establishment (Dunkin Donuts, etc...)
8. **Students who drive to school and arrive late on a frequent basis will forfeit their right to drive carpools to school, and parents may be required to take over the carpool.**
9. Students who drive to school should bear in mind that traffic at school, as well as finding a suitable parking space, may take extra time. Students must start out earlier to account for such a possible delay, as latenesses resulting from such delays will generally not be excused.
10. No unlicensed driver may drive a car on school premises. Anyone who has a license for less than five months may not drive other students. (This is illegal).

11. Students must drive slowly and carefully on school premises at all times. Those who fail to drive carefully will be asked not to drive to school. Students may not engage in any horseplay with cars (sitting on hoods, excessive numbers of passengers, etc...) at any time. Students should not be talking on a cellphone while driving.
12. Any student who brings a car to school without authorization, that is not part of an approved carpool, will forfeit any future right to drive a car to school.
13. A student who has a car at school and has received authorization to leave school for a personal matter during the school day may not take any student passenger with her, whatever her destination (except a sister who has been authorized to leave), except when authorized to do so *by an administrator*.
14. Families whose daughters drive to school must complete the form about family vehicles before the student is allowed to drive.
15. Students may not park their vehicles at any nearby location (such as Beazer, etc.) at any time.
16. Please avoid driving through the Mount Washington neighborhood except when absolutely necessary. Starting out late in the morning and having to drive fast to make up time is unsafe, and is extremely upsetting to families in the Bais Yaakov neighborhood. This ח"ו verges on חלול השם, and must be avoided.

We have confidence that our students will act responsibly with regard to vehicles and school life, and we very much appreciate the cooperation of all in complying with the above policies. Thank you to parents and students for helping us to make this challenging aspect of school life successful and problem-free.