

Driving Agreement – Family Vehicle – Until Further Notice

Date: _____

Daughter/Son: _____

Mom & Dad: _____

Automobile accidents are the leading cause of teen deaths and injuries – especially when alcohol or drugs are involved.

- Every minute, a **teen** driver is involved in a vehicle crash
- Every day 16 teenagers die in motor vehicle crashes
- **One-fourth** of all **fatally injured** teenagers were found to have a blood alcohol count greater than .10 percent
- **After dark, poor weather conditions** – automatic reflexes and driving skills are just developing during the first months of driving. Darkness and poor weather conditions are extra variables to cope with.
- **When driving with friends** – teens are safer driving by themselves or with family. They should drive as much as possible with an experienced driver, who can help develop good driving habits. As tempting as it maybe, new drivers should wait until they have a consistent, safe driving record before taking friends as passengers. Friends to new drivers are a big distraction and a significant liability. (This liability may extend to the parent.)
- **With recreational driving** – for the first 3 – 6 months after obtaining a license, new drivers should try to gain their experience driving for school and work, not for fun.
- **When drowsy** – anyone who is sleepy should stop driving until fully alert. Sleepiness may cause even more accidents than alcohol and drugs.
- **After drinking alcohol or using drugs** – drinking and drugs slow reflexes and impairs judgment. These effects happen to anyone who drinks or uses drugs. So, NEVER drink or use drugs and drive. ALWAYS find someone to drive that has not been drinking or using drugs – even if this means an uncomfortable phone call!!

Agreed rules:

- No people in vehicle, unless cleared with mom and dad.
- No eating in vehicle while driving.
- No cell phone usage in vehicle while driving.
- No speeding since this is 100% controllable.
- Must take responsibility for vehicle care, cleaning, gas, oil and repair.
- Nobody else is allowed to drive vehicle unless cleared by mom and dad.
- No driving to locations other than those communicated and agreed ahead of time.
- If grades fall, then driving privileges stop.

Loss of driving Privileges

- Not wearing seat belts.
- Grades fall.
- Speed or other vehicle related ticket.
- Late by 30 minutes or more without calling.
- Not communicated truthful destinations/locations.
- Driving while using alcohol or drugs.

Read, understand and agree: No exceptions

Names: _____

Signatures: _____