

GIDDENS SCHOOL
AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF PRIVATE AUTO FOR STUDENT
TRANSPORTATION 2009-2010

Student(s) Name: _____

DRIVER'S DECLARATION

I, _____, understand that in order to transport students to an activity in my personal vehicle that I must meet the following criteria established by Giddens School:

1. I declare that my vehicle is in sound mechanical condition. Yes
2. My vehicle contains minimal safety equipment (flares, first aid kit, fire extinguisher) and car seats. Yes No
3. My vehicle has functioning seat belts for every occupant and I agree to insist that all occupants wear them. Yes
4. I have read the reverse side of this page and agree to follow the WA State laws for seat belts and child safety restraints (car seats). Yes
5. I agree that I will not transport children in the front seat of my vehicle. Yes
6. I certify that I have a valid Washington State Driver's License: Yes
License number: _____
7. A copy of my driver's license is required and is attached. Yes
8. I certify that the vehicle and driver are insured for the following limits of liability and I have enclosed a copy of my valid insurance card: Yes
 - ✓ Bodily injury: \$100,000, \$300,000 per occurrence, Property Damage: \$50,000.
 - ✓ Auto Medical Coverage: \$10,000
 - ✓ Name and policy number of insurance company (copy of current proof of insurance card is attached)
9. I have completed and turned in CPR/First Aid and trauma documentation (for preschool and pre-K families only). Yes

I am aware that, in the event of an accident while on a school-related activity, any claims will be tendered to my personal automobile insurance company, and my insurance coverage is primary.

Signature of Registered Owner: _____ Date: _____

(This form is not valid without a copy of current license and insurance)

 I choose not to transport children in my vehicle.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Helpful Hints for Fieldtrips:

(If you are participating as a driver or sharing the experience)

1- Obtain a copy of the “Fieldtrip Information Sheet” and directions, from the teacher before leaving the school.

2- Drivers must establish the car rules and explain them to the children.

- All children must be properly restrained/buckled into seatbelts or car seats (applicable to the state law).
- Children must NOT ride in the front seat of any vehicle.

3- Children must use a “QUIET ENOUGH” voice and behave in a safe manner. Dangerous or distracting behavior is unacceptable and should not be tolerated. The adult must establish a no-nonsense tone at the start of the trip. Feel free to say “This is how it is” to the students.

4- Students must stay together and be with an adult when they get out of the car. Have children get together with their partner and help them to focus on safety at all times.

5- Drivers/chaperones must know where their assigned children are at all times. To keep track of the group, we ask that children be counted frequently and you communicate with the teacher and other adults often. Children must be with an adult at all times.

Remember, your own child may be assigned to you for this trip but you are responsible for the entire group and your attention must be on every child. The safety of every child is dependent on your eyes and ears.

Thank you for giving your time, energy and resources to the children. Without you it would not be possible for the children to have these experiences and the extended learning opportunities would be missed.

Effective June 1, 2007, the new WA child passenger restraint laws require:

- Child restraints to be secured in the vehicle and used according to manufacturer’s instructions
- Infants must ride in a rear facing car seat until they are one year of age **or** weigh 20 lbs. (whichever comes first),
- Children 1 to 4 years old **or** weighing 20-40 lbs. (whichever comes first) must ride in a forward facing child safety seat with a harness.
- Children up to 8 years old, unless 4 feet 9 inches or taller, must be in a child restraint system such as a booster seat if the vehicle is equipped with lap and shoulder belts. Vehicles equipped with laps-only seat belts are exempt from the requirement to use a booster seat.
- Children under 13 years old must ride in the back seat when practical to do so.
- The law requires everyone to wear the seat belt correctly. The driver can be given a ticket if the seat belt does not properly fit the child (for example: the shoulder belt is under the arm; the shoulder belt is behind the back; or the lap belt is up on the tummy).