

Parking & Driving 2019-2020

Because of limited parking on campus and neighborhood roads, only students who are licensed and 17 years old (or older) may drive to school with an issued-permit.

This overarching rule reflects a strict agreement that the Head of School has on behalf of Merion Mercy with Lower Merion Township.

- Students who wish to drive to school and park at school must register their cars with the Office of Student Affairs. Without exception, no student may register for parking until she is 17 years old and has received a valid driver's license.
- The Office of Student Affairs will not accept any more parking registration requests/applications after the cut-off/quota of 125 spots is reached. Permits are given out on a first-come, first-served basis each year.
- To register, a student (of proper age) must report to the Assistant Head of School for Student Affairs with her driver's license, make and model of vehicle(s), and license plate information for her vehicle(s).
- Initial registration will take place during the first two weeks of school in the fall term.
- The parking permit fee is \$35 for the year; this fee will be added to the student's family financial statement after registration is complete.
- Students who register will receive an official (numbered) parking tag that must be visible in the vehicle whenever it is parked at school. The rear-view mirror and dashboard are acceptable places of display.
- Only seniors may park in student spots on campus, providing that there are any available at the hour when a student arrives; that is the seniors' special privilege.
- Juniors who possess permit-tags must always (and only) use spots on Meeting House Lane.
- Students parking on Meeting House Lane must park on the side of the street adjacent to campus – alongside the paved sidewalk. Cars must face in the proper direction (with the flow of traffic).
- Unless directed otherwise by the administration, students may not park on any of the surrounding neighborhood streets except for Meeting House Lane.
- Students who park on Meeting House Lane must obey all posted parking signs (especially those that restrict parking near a driveway or fire hydrant).
- Students and parents should review the importance of obeying posted speed limits. Our campus shares access roads with a daycare facility, Waldron Mercy Academy, and different convents for the Sisters of Mercy, many of whom walk the property.
- Everyone must obey the 10 mph speed limit while on campus; cell phones should not be used for talking or texting while driving on campus.
- There is a one-way pattern to traffic around the high school building at all times; no driver is permitted to move against the one-way traffic. There are signs posted, indicating the direction.
- No student may park in a designated faculty or staff spot.
- Any parent who needs to park and come into school is asked to use one of the visitors' spots across from the front entrance.
- When dropping off students, parents are permitted to pull over temporarily in the zones right outside the front and back of the building. The side entrance facing the Convent is used strictly for busing; no pick-ups or drop-offs may be made along that stretch of driveway.