



METROPOLITAN
Nashville
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all of our students. In keeping with that philosophy, we follow strict guidelines for bringing vehicles on campus that are in keeping with state law.

School Responsibility

In accordance with the provisions of Title 55, chapter 5, the Department of Safety shall grant a license or instruction permit for the operation of a motor vehicle to any person under the age of 18 who is:

- Enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a general educational development certificate (GED) from a state approved institution or organization, or has obtained such certificate
- Enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a secondary school of this state or any other state
- Is excused from this requirement due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control

Upon request from a student fifteen (15) years of age or older who is properly enrolled in school, the principal will sign the form that provides documentation to the Department of Safety that the student is enrolled and making satisfactory progress at his/her high school.

Student Responsibility

- Students are responsible for the safe operation of their vehicles while on campus and will not be allowed to violate the law or operate a vehicle without proper insurance and licensure. A copy of the student's insurance card shall be provided to the school and kept on file. (See student handbook).
- It is unlawful to drive a vehicle on a public street without a valid Tennessee driver license. The penalty for doing so may result in a citation, fine or arrest. If a student is found to be driving without a valid license, the Metro police and/or Juvenile Court will be notified. Parent/guardian will also be notified.
- The student will not be allowed to drive a vehicle onto the school campus again until he/she presents a valid Tennessee driver license issued in their name and proof of insurance to the school office. If the student refuses to comply with this

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provision and continues to drive onto school property, school authorities may have the vehicle towed from campus and any towing or storage costs will be the responsibility of the student and the parent/guardian.

Any vehicle driven onto school property is subject to search by school authorities (TCA 49-6-4204). All vehicles are subject to random and general searches. A vehicle may also be searched if there is reasonable suspicion to believe drugs, weapons, stolen property or other contraband might be present in that vehicle.

Loss of License

If a student withdraws from school before reaching the age of 18, the attendance staff or director of schools will notify the Department of Safety and the driving privileges of that student will be revoked under Tennessee law. If a student subsequently returns to school, the license may be reinstated when it is documented that the student is making satisfactory academic progress. "Satisfactory academic progress" is defined by the State of Tennessee as making a passing grade in at least three (3) full unit subjects or their equivalency at the conclusion of any grading period. (TCA 49-6-3017 (b)).

References/Authority

TCA 49-6-3017
TCA 49-6-3017 (b)
TCA 49-6-4204
Student Handbook