



THE GREENSPIRE HIGH SCHOOL

Student Driving Policy Updated 2023

Becoming a student driver is a responsibility and privilege. It is not a right. Only approved student drivers may drive to and from Greenspire High School/University Center (UC) each day. Safety is our number one priority, so please review these standards, procedures, and forms to become an approved student driver at GHS.

GHS Student Driving Standards

The following driving standards must be followed at GHS:

- +Students will drive into and out of the UC parking area with extreme caution.
- +Students will follow the UC traffic flow, remain patient, and always drive slowly in the school parking lot/Dendrin Drive.
- +Students will pull into and out of parking spots with caution and park away from other vehicles whenever possible.
- +Students will park in their designated area of the UC parking lot.
- +Students will adjust their mirrors and buckle safety belts before starting their cars.
- +Students will only transport GHS approved passengers in their vehicles.
- +Students will have their valid GHS Parking Permit tag hung on their rearview mirror.

GHS will not be held responsible or liable for student driving related damage or injury. If an accident occurs within the parking lot, please call the local police to make a report. School officials will not become involved in these matters unless it directly impacts student learning or risks student safety. GHS Administration reserves the right to suspend/revoke this permit for any student driver who does not follow our approved student driving standards.

GHS Parking Permits

GHS/UC Parking Permits are provided without charge to all approved student drivers. These permits must be hung on the rearview mirror in plain sight. All GHS/UC Parking Permits are valid for 1-year and may be revoked if a student violates our driving standards. If a student who is not approved parks in the UC parking lot, they risk being towed at the owner's expense.

In order to apply for a GHS Parking Permit, students must submit the following items:

1. A valid Michigan Level 2 or Level 3 GDL (Graduated Driver's License). *If 18-years-old, please present a valid Michigan Driver's License.*
2. 10th-12th grade student status (Minimum 12+ Credit Hours Completed)
3. A completed and signed GHS Permit Application
4. Proof of Vehicle Insurance and Registration

Student drivers with approved permits are given the following privileges at Greenspire High School:

1. 1-Year University Center/GHS Parking Permit in a designated area of the parking lot
2. Option to participate in the GHS Open Lunch program
3. Option to drive other GHS approved students to and from school and/or off-campus lunch
4. Option to drive to any/all Career Tech Center courses, NMC dual enrollment courses, or NMC Early Middle College courses.

Open Lunch Program Requirements

GHS Open Lunch is a privilege limited to approved sophomores (10th), juniors (11th) and seniors (12th), with parent/guardian permission and a valid Level 2 or 3 GDL, that provides them the opportunity to leave school during their scheduled lunch period.

Violation of any of the following policies governing open lunch will result in disciplinary action and/or suspension of the open lunch privilege.

Students are expected to attend all classes. Students are expected to be in class on time when returning from open lunch.

Students with open lunch permission are not to influence or aid students who do not have an open lunch pass to leave campus during lunch.

Students are not permitted to bring food back into the University Center. They may eat their food outside, in their cars, or at their restaurant of choice. Open lunch students are not food delivery drivers and may not bring food back for peers.

Students are not to visit other schools or participate in illegal activity while away from school for open lunch. Students are expected to observe Greenspire High School Community Standards.

Forgery of parent signature on the “Open Lunch Permission Form” will result in loss of privilege.

Students must be in good behavioral and academic standing in order to participate in open lunch.

Students should choose restaurants within a 10-minute radius of the University Center in order to return to PM classes on time. Lunch is 40 minutes long, so we encourage the following open lunch use of time:

- a. Drive to restaurant- 10 minutes or less
 - b. Order and eat- 15 minutes or less
 - c. Drive back to school- 10 minutes or less
- (Leaving 5 extra minutes for unexpected traffic or delays.)

Students must have a consistent attendance record with limited tardiness and/or absences.

Students should use proper judgment when determining if the weather will permit them to arrive back to school on time after eating off campus.

Students should eat their food either at their restaurant of choice, in their cars once they've returned to the UC parking lot, or outside. They may not bring their take-out food into the building.

Approved Student Passengers

With the appropriate permission slips submitted, an approved GHS Driver may have other students as passengers to and/or from school (limited to the amount of seatbelts available). For open lunch, approved student drivers may have up to **2 passengers** in their vehicle, as this is a school-approved activity and is allowable with a level 2 or 3 GDL. The approved driver must have working seat belts for each passenger.

Approved Drivers Signing In/Out of School

If a student leaves for off-campus lunch and needs to go home after lunch, a guardian or parent must email or call the office to verify that this is an approved PM absence. If a guardian or parent does not email or call the school, the student **MUST** return to school after off-campus lunch. We would prefer email to have written documentation of this release.