



NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

International Student Program

Driving Policy, Agreement, and Release

Northwest Christian High School (NCHS) recommends that International Students not obtain or pursue a license to drive in the United States while participating in the International Student program. We believe that such a license distracts attention from study, and presents a risk of disrupting the educational process due to serious injury that can result from a car accident. If, however, a student and his/her legal parents wish the Student to obtain a driver's license despite the recommendation of NCHS not to, that decision must be made only after careful consideration and discussion between the student, the legal parents, and the host parents.

If the decision is made to obtain a driver's license, then the student must meet the following criteria:

1. Student must have attended an American school for a minimum of one year.
2. Student must have a cumulative NCHS grade point average of at least 3.0 or better.
3. NCHS will have on file written permission from the mother and father in the home country that it is their desire for their student to drive a car.
4. NCHS will have on file written permission from the host parents that is their desire for their student to drive a car.
5. If the student lives with their biological relative, the biological relative will sign a statement they are related to the student and wish for the student to drive.
6. If the student has an agent, the agent **MUST** approve of the decision to drive and submit written approval to the International Director.
7. The student will completed a certified drivers training course and submit a copy of the certificate to the International Director.
8. The student will have completed 50 hours of practice driving time with an adult over the age of 21 as required by the state of Washington.
9. The student **MUST** have car insurance with proof of payment and the school will need a copy on file. Insurance limits must be maintained at a minimum of: liability 100/300/50, uninsured/underinsure 100/300/50 and PIP 35,000 or higher. These limits are to protect you in the case of an accident.
10. ISP Students cannot drive with other ISP students in their vehicle without written permission from their parents.

I have read and understand this policy and agree to follow the steps and requirements to drive a car.

Student Signature: Date:

Mother Signature: Date:

Father Signature: Date:

Agent Signature: Date:

Host Signature: Date:

Host Signature: Date:

Students riding with other teenagers have been shown to have a higher risk of accident. Therefore, NCHS also prohibits International Students from riding with other teens unless: 1) this Release has been signed and delivered to the International Director, **AND** 2) the host parents have given permission for the International Student to ride with other teen (s).