

# Extra-Curricular Transportation Guidelines

## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. I have already completed the original waiver. Do I need to do another one and pay again?**
  - We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. We can handle this situation one of two ways. We will keep the original waiver and update it next season. If you have the need to add additional names, as permitted by the new waiver, you can add those in person at the high school office.
- 2. Grandparents used to be permitted to transport student-athletes from away events without special approval. Is this still the case?**
  - Grandparents must be listed as an additional authorized responsible adult on the notarized waiver. For convenience, there is room for two names/id numbers/signatures in each of the four boxes provided. That way a “set” of grandparents only takes up one of the four slots provided.
- 3. My child will only ride the bus home from away events. Do I need to complete the notarized waiver?**
  - No. The waiver only applies to parents wishing for their student-athlete to be transported from away events by themselves or another designated responsible adult.
- 4. If the athlete’s parent(s) or guardian(s) will be the only persons designated to provide transportation from away events, does a notarized waiver need to be completed?**
  - Yes. Due to multiple and varied custody situations and family arrangements, it is safest for the child for the district to have a clear picture of who is identified as a parent/guardian of each student athlete. The front page of the waiver, referring only to parents/guardians would be the only form to complete and sign. The space for the notary seal is on the rear of the form.
- 5. I am the child’s parent/guardian and will be transporting my child from an away event. Do I need to send a note in to the high school office the day of the event to get approval?**
  - This is a great question. No, parents do not have to send in a note to the high school prior to the event if they are the person providing transportation. This only needs to be done if the person providing transportation is an approved adult, other than the parent/guardian, who is listed on the notarized waiver. Parents/guardians still need to sign-out their student-athlete prior to leaving the event.
- 6. Can an email be sent instead of a handwritten note?**
  - Yes. Parents/guardians can email or provide handwritten notes prior to homeroom the day of an away event or before homeroom on Friday for a Saturday event. Emails should be sent to [asudbrook@ottoeldred.org](mailto:asudbrook@ottoeldred.org) and cc: [tburris@ottoeldred.org](mailto:tburris@ottoeldred.org) . The note/email can be very simple and should look something like this: “Please allow my child, {student name}, to ride home with {responsible adult name listed on waiver} from the {sporting event} at {away location} on {date}. Thank you. {parent name/signature}”
- 7. My student-athlete is dating someone over 18 that is no longer in high school. Can he/she transport my student-athlete from an away event?**
  - For a variety of reasons, the Otto-Eldred School District has agreed that student-athletes will not be permitted to ride home from away events with a boyfriend, girlfriend, or significant other. Student safety is a top priority for the district.
- 8. Where can I obtain a new waiver?**
  - Waivers can be obtained from the high school office. Please email Mrs. Sudbrook at [asudbrook@ottoeldred.org](mailto:asudbrook@ottoeldred.org) or downloaded from the high school’s website at <http://www.oehs.org/Athletics>.

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9. **Why are there spots for two names/driver's licenses/signatures in each of the six boxes on the waiver?**
- The Otto-Eldred School District wants to be flexible and accommodate varied family dynamics. Families will have more options by placing both adults in a family in one box, versus having to split each adult between two separate boxes. We hope this helps.
10. **What if I missed the preseason meeting at which the new policy and waiver were discussed?**
- We acknowledge parents/guardians are busy and it is sometimes difficult to make meetings. This information is very important and can directly impact student safety, so no waiver will be approved until the parent/guardian attends the preseason meeting or meets with Mr. Burris directly. Any parent/guardian who was unable to make the preseason meeting in the fall should contact Mr. Burris and schedule a time to meet and go over the policy and waiver at 814-817-1382 or [tburris@ottoeldred.org](mailto:tburris@ottoeldred.org).