

**MIDDLESEX SCHOOL  
BOARDING PERMISSION FORM  
2017-2018**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: **IV**      **III**      **II**      **I**  
*9<sup>th</sup>*      *10<sup>th</sup>*      *11<sup>th</sup>*      *12<sup>th</sup>*  
*grade*      *grade*      *grade*      *grade*

To All Middlesex Parents and Students:

We ask your cooperation in two regards. First, we ask that you review together the overnight, driving, travel to Boston and swimming and boating permissions contained on this form and determine which categories should govern the student during the coming academic year. Second, we ask that you spend time together reading and discussing the Middlesex rules contained in the *Handbook*. We believe these convey valuable information on Middlesex students' behavior and state and federal laws. It is important that both parents and students fully understand these expectations and rules.

**OVERNIGHT RESTRICTIONS**

Students wishing to spend a night away from Middlesex not in the presence of their parents must follow one of the following procedures; however, the School reserves the right to review specific weekend plans with parents at its discretion. In all cases in which a student spends a night away from Middlesex not in the company of his or her parents, the student must provide the Head of House with both a destination and a telephone number where he or she can be reached in case of emergency. A student may not change plans after leaving campus unless the student has first been in the presence of his or her parents or has contacted his or her Head of House and verified that this change of plan is acceptable.

Please check the **single one** of the following procedures you wish your child to follow:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Our child must talk with us about plans and destination before each overnight so that we may give our approval. It is our responsibility to notify the Head of House in each case that our approval has been granted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our child may spend the night away from Middlesex after receiving an invitation from a host or hostess of our approximate age that will assume responsibility for our child. The Head of House must verify this invitation. It is not necessary that our child notify us and receive our approval each time.

*Middlesex does not approve of students spending nights away from campus without adult supervision. It is our experience that, regardless of the good intentions of the students, they often find themselves in difficult situations over which they have little control. Heads of Houses will not give permission to boarding students to spend a night away from campus without adult supervision unless specific verbal or written authorization from parents or guardians has been received.*

**DRIVING PERMISSION**

The School is concerned about the safe and appropriate use of Middlesex day student automobiles. We feel parents should consider the following options carefully and only select the option with which you feel completely comfortable. Please bear in mind that the School does provide regularly scheduled transportation to and from Concord at the end of each academic day. And while we restrict day student driving to commuting and nearby communities, once a student driver leaves campus, with or without passengers, the School is not in the position to exercise any meaningful supervision.

Please check the **single one** of the following procedures you wish your child to follow should your child wish to accept a ride from a licensed driver other than a Middlesex faculty member:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Our child must notify us in advance and receive our permission.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our child may only drive with the people we have listed here \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our child may drive with any licensed driver over twenty-one years of age.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our child may drive with any licensed driver, regardless of age\*. This would include Middlesex day students subject to School rules governing the use of day student automobiles. Middlesex accepts no liability for accidents, which may result from such driving.

Please select Yes or No for the procedure you wish your child to follow:

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Our child may travel by cab or livery service (Uber, Rideshare) to and from campus without parent permission. This excludes travel arrangements made for vacation travel.

\* 9th and 10th grade students are not permitted to drive with day students except in a car pool situation for a School related event.  
*(see next page)*

*In order to ensure the safety of all members of the community, the School will not entertain any request for permission for boarding students to drive a vehicle or to have access to a personal or family vehicle on campus, in an adjacent parking area, or in outlying areas. Under no circumstances will the School permit a student for whom it is responsible to operate or ride on a motorcycle.*

**SWIMMING AND BOATING RESTRICTIONS**

Middlesex students have ready access to several bodies of water, both on and off campus. With the exception of the crew program, activities surrounding these areas are unsupervised by the School, and the School can assume no responsibility for accidents, which may arise from such informal use. Under no circumstance may a student swim after dark or alone. Please select an answer for **both** procedures you wish your child to follow.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Our child is a competent swimmer and has our permission to swim in the School pond or on School-sponsored trips during daylight hours. We recognize that such swimming will be unsupervised and that the School assumes no responsibility for such activity.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Our child has our permission to go out in boats, kayaks, *etc.*, both on and off campus, at his/her discretion. We recognize that the School provides no supervision and assumes no responsibility for such activities.

**TRAVEL TO REGIONAL CITIES (BOSTON/CAMBRIDGE)**

Middlesex students, being located in the town of Concord, have access to public transportation that travels to the region's many historical and beautiful cities and towns. On occasional Sundays, Middlesex provides transportation to Alewife station where students can ride the subway to Boston or Cambridge. Following School procedure and guidelines in the Handbook, all students can travel to Boston, Cambridge or other cities and towns without adult supervision. Please check the **single one** of the following procedures:

\_\_\_\_\_ Our child may travel to Boston/Cambridge unsupervised following the School procedure outlined in the Handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_ Our child needs our permission each time he or she wishes to travel to Boston/Cambridge unsupervised following the school procedure outlined in the Handbook

\_\_\_\_\_ Our child may NOT travel to Boston/Cambridge unsupervised.

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The School will follow the restrictions and procedures checked on both sides of this form to the best of its ability. However, the School cannot ensure that your child will always adhere to your guidelines, especially when off-campus in automobiles or away on weekends. In any event, Middlesex School accepts no liability or responsibility for any failure to comply with the terms of this permission form.

**The parent/guardian signing below consents to the student's participation in all activities and programs offered, required and/or authorized by the School in the normal course of fulfilling its educational mission including but not limited to the activities specifically listed above in this form. These activities and programs include, but are not limited to athletics, curricular and extra-curricular activities, and residential life activities, all of which involve some inherent risks. For more details, please refer to the Middlesex School Student Handbook and the Middlesex School Curriculum Guide. The parent/guardian signing below releases and holds harmless the School and its trustees, employees and agents from any liability for any accident or negligence in connection with these activities and programs or transportation to and from, including liability for property damage or personal injury, unless such liability arises solely from the gross negligence or willful actions of the School's authorized agents. This release and hold harmless provisions shall be governed, construed and interpreted under the law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts without regard to its conflict of laws provisions.**

**Your signatures below (BOTH PARENT SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED) signify that you have read and discussed the permissions on this sheet and that you have read and understand the rules and expectations of the School as outlined in the Handbook including the statement on harassment and bullying.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_