

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL
BOARDING PERMISSION FORM
2019-2020

NAME: _____ CLASS: **IV** **III** **II** **I**
9th *10th* *11th* *12th*
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 who wish to spend a night away from Middlesex not in the presence of their parents must follow one of the following procedures. In all such cases, students must receive an invitation from an adult host, provide the Head of House with both a destination and a telephone number where the student can be reached in case of emergency, and follow the appropriate sign-out procedures. The School reserves the right to review specific weekend plans with parents at its discretion. A student may not change plans after leaving campus unless the student has first been in the presence of their parents or has contacted their 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 only needs an invitation from an adult host of our approximate age who 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 by the Deans' Office.

DRIVING PERMISSION

The School is concerned about the safe and appropriate use of automobiles. Parents should consider the following options carefully and only select the option with which they feel completely comfortable. The School does provide regularly scheduled transportation to and from Concord at the end of each academic day. 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 also note that all students need permission from a faculty member whenever they plan to accept any type of ride.

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 adults 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.

* 9th and 10th grade boarding students are not permitted to drive with day students.

Please select the procedure that you wish your child to follow related to car services (Uber, Lyft, taxi, livery, etc.), excluding travel arrangements for vacation travel. In all cases students who use these services must obtain permission from a faculty member prior to each use.

- _____ Our child may travel by car service to and from campus without parent permission.
- _____ Our child must receive parent permission prior to using a car service.
- _____ Our child may not use a car service.

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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 their 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 our child wishes to travel to Boston/Cambridge unsupervised following the school procedure outlined in the Handbook

_____ Our child may NOT travel to Boston/Cambridge unsupervised.

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 (IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE SIGNATURES FOR ALL PARENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED WITH MIDDLESEX SCHOOL) 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: _____

You may return all forms to Deans@mxschool.edu. Standard mailing of forms should be addressed to Deans' Office, Middlesex School, 1400 Lowell Road, Concord, MA, 01742