

## CHOPTICON HIGH SCHOOL PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION

The St. Mary's County Public Schools provide transportation to and from school for any active student registered in the day school system. A school parking permit is a privilege and drivers are expected to follow and obey all school policies and rules. All applications will be reviewed and the appropriate action will be taken on each. All student drivers must meet the following criteria to become eligible for driving authorization.

1. Must be assigned to an **11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade** homeroom.
2. Must have and maintain a minimum GPA of **2.0**.
3. Have **no more than 10 excused/unexcused absences** during the previous semester and **no more than 10 excused/unexcused tardies during a semester**.
4. **No more than one day of in school (ISS) or out of school suspension** for the previous semester.
5. Must not be on the **school debt list** - may not be issued or renew a parking permit until the debt is cleared.
6. **All student drivers must register their vehicles with the school. School administration will work with the School Resource Officer to identify vehicles without a valid permit and those drivers may be issued a Sheriff's citation and will be subject to disciplinary action by school administration.**
7. The owner of the vehicle agrees to keep the vehicle insured as to property damage and public liability as required by the laws of the state of Maryland.
8. By accepting the permit as applied for, the owner and operator agrees that when the vehicle is located on the property of the St. Mary's County Public Schools, the school principal or designee, in accordance with Maryland statute, may search the vehicle and its contents.

### **Permits will be issued to eligible students using the following priority system:**

1. **AP Stars** – Student taking two or more Advanced Placement courses or students participating in school work release programs or other released time programs.. You must meet eligibility requirements.
2. **Active participation** (activity requires student to stay after school 3 or more days per week) in co-curricular activities. Included in this category would be athletics, music programs, theatre, active FBLA members (requires Mr. Guy's signature), and other organizations as certified by the sponsor and approved by an administrator, and the presidents of the following organizations: senior class, junior class, SGA, NHS, and FBLA)
3. **Please note - Third priority applications will not be accepted before September 10, 2009.** Students who are gainfully employed after school and leave school to go directly to their places of employment. Seniors will be given first priority. Parking for priority 3 may be limited or unavailable. Please keep this in mind when applying for after school jobs.

Scholastic achievement prepares students for work and continuing their education. This must be the number one goal of all students, parents, and faculty. Attaching the driving privilege to academic achievement and good attendance habits is one more way to let students know how important education is. In light of this fact, the following discounts will be given: **A copy of your last report card must be attached to your application.** Only one discount will apply.

### **The cost of a parking permit is as follows:**

Standard parking permit

- **\$50.00 per year (\$25 replacement fee for lost/stolen permits)**

Sport/activity seasonal permit

- **\$16.00 per season (\$10 replacement fee for lost/stolen permits)**

Fine for parking on school grounds without a permit

- **\$20.00 per day minimum and/or sheriff's citation/disciplinary action**

Temporary permits may be issued to eligible 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in extreme circumstances when driving is a necessity. Temporary permits are generally issued in limited quantities and may be denied at any time.

### **The following discounts may be applied:**

- **Free parking** for cumulative GPA's of 4.0 or above
- **Free parking** for AP Stars
- **\$25.00** discount for last semester GPA of 4.0 or above
- **\$15.00** discount for 3.5 - 3.99 GPA for the previous semester
- **\$10.00** discount for 3.0 - 3.49 GPA for the previous semester

**Seasonal permit discounts** will be applied as follows and are based on **previous marking period:**

- **Free parking** for GPA's of 4.0 or above
- **\$10.00** discount for 3.5 - 3.99 GPA for the previous semester
- **\$6.00** discount for 3.0 - 3.49 GPA for the previous semester

