



FRESHMAN VEHICLE POLICY

For many years, Grove City College has limited the privilege of maintaining a vehicle on campus to sophomore, junior, senior, and commuter students only. The reason behind this limitation is threefold. First and foremost, we prioritize our special deep-rooted community, and we encourage freshmen to become fully invested on campus and build relationships with their peers by remaining on campus. Secondly, incoming freshmen are typically surprised by the rigorous academic effort required to succeed at Grove City College. Developing good study habits is absolutely essential, and one of the many ways the College chooses to aid students in this endeavor is to prohibit freshmen from having a vehicle on campus. The third reason for this limitation is to continue to be true to our mission of fiscal responsibility and providing an education at a reasonable cost. After weighing the general lack of compelling need for most freshmen to have a car and the cost of securing property and building, lighting, maintaining, and monitoring additional parking, we cannot justify this expense. For these reasons, freshmen are not permitted to have a vehicle on campus except under certain extenuating circumstances.

Permission for freshmen to have a vehicle on campus may be granted in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 1) All requests for such permission must be submitted in writing to the Director of Campus Safety at least two weeks prior to the anticipated need. Exceptions may be made to accommodate emergency needs.
- 2) Examples of extenuating circumstances include when a student:
 - a. Is actively employed and must have a personal vehicle for work. A work-related request must be accompanied by a letter from the student's employer confirming active employment and explaining the need for the vehicle.
 - b. Has a medical condition that requires regular treatment. A medical request must be accompanied by a letter from the treating physician specifically stating the need for a vehicle while attending college.
 - c. Has one or more parents/guardians who are physically disabled and unable to arrange any other means of conveying the student to or from the college.
 - d. Has missionary/military parents who are actively working overseas and have no other reasonable means of conveying the student to or from the College.
 - e. Has a family emergency that prevents the parents from dropping off or picking up the student. In these situations a TEMPORARY permit may be granted for a reasonable period of time.
- 3) Permission for a freshman to have a vehicle on campus will NOT be granted for:
 - a. Simple convenience.
 - b. Because a parent "authorizes" their son/daughter to have a vehicle.
 - c. Because of distance lived from campus. (This policy is outlined on our website www.gcc.edu/freshmanvehiclepolicy and in the college bulletin)
 - d. Freshmen who bring a car to campus without prior approval from the Director of Campus Safety will be held responsible for all fines incurred against the vehicle regardless of whether or not approval is granted.

All questions concerning vehicle or parking regulations should be directed to the Campus Safety Department at (724) 458-2111.