

First-year Students Vehicle Policy

The purpose of New Student Orientation at Taylor University is to provide continuing services that will aid new students in their transition to Taylor, to integrate new students into the life of the institution and to assist in the students' understanding of their own relationship to the intellectual, social, cultural and spiritual climate of Taylor University. In order to achieve these purposes, it is critical for new students to immediately become involved in the Taylor community and begin to develop positive habits, both academically and socially. This involves such things as studying, staying on campus on weekends to foster relationships with peers, eating at the Dining Commons, attending campus activities and making an intentional break from home. Possessing a vehicle on campus during the first several critical weeks of school presents a potential hindrance to a student's overall adjustment, in that it potentially provides an avenue of escape from academic responsibilities and personal challenges. Therefore, the following vehicle policy has been established.

First time, full time freshmen students, who have been out of high school less than one year or transfer students with less than 12 credit hours are not permitted to have vehicles on campus until after Thanksgiving break. For students entering Taylor University at Interterm or Spring semester, vehicles are not permitted until after Spring Break.

Personal exceptions may be granted for the following reasons:

- A medical or dental condition that requires frequent appointments to a doctor or health professional
- Employment off-campus—must provide proof of employment and schedule of hours
- Illness of a family member or extenuating circumstances that may require the student to go home on an emergency basis
- In rare instances, if a student needs the vehicle to get home for Thanksgiving break, the student should indicate that there is no other means of transportation available to get home

To gain permission to use your vehicle for one of these purposes, you must email your request in writing to: Kelly Morton, Campus Safety Secretary, at klmorton@taylor.edu

If you are given permission to use your vehicle, you will be notified and your request will be kept on file at Campus Safety. You will need to do a few things to maintain use of your vehicle:

- Register your vehicle at Campus Safety upon your arrival on campus
- Park your vehicle in the back row of the south east Olson Hall parking lot
- Return your vehicle to the Olson lot after each use
- Only use your vehicle for the times and purpose that you have been approved
- Comply with the vehicle regulations of the Campus Safety office
- Do not transport passengers at any time

If there is any situation that would cause you to need to use your vehicle beyond the purpose that has already been approved, you must communicate that request in writing to Kelly Morton. If you have been granted a special exception to the vehicle policy, you may only use the vehicle for the purpose specified in the request. Any other use is a violation of the policy.

If you do violate the policy, you may be subject to a disciplinary hearing and the following:

First violation – Suspension of driving privileges for the entire fall semester; you may be permitted to bring your vehicle back to campus starting at Interterm.

Second violation – Suspension of driving privileges for the entire academic year

After Thanksgiving break, all first-year students are permitted to use their vehicles. As always, your use of your vehicle is a privilege that you have been granted with a certain measure of trust.