Dartmouth
GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Student Driver Policy

Summary of Purpose

The purpose of this summary is to define the parameters for which students may become student drivers and have permission to drive college-owned, rented, leased, or personal vehicle on college-sponsored programs or activities.

Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to all students who drive a college-owned, rented, leased or personal vehicle on College-sponsored programs or activities. Participation in community service work coordinated by Geisel, College athletic team programs and other College or Geisel-sponsored or related activities are subject to this policy.

Medical student driving that is required by the Geisel curriculum, does not fall under this policy. For example, driving between the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and the Veteran's Administration Hospital in White River Junction during the day to attend conferences, going to your preceptor's office as part of the "On Doctoring" curriculum, or going to a distant site for a clerkship in Concord or Manchester, NH is not defined as college-sponsored according to the Student Driver Policy.

Definitions

None.

Policy Statement

For Geisel students to drive on college-sponsored activities, each student must complete and have on file at the College a *Graduate Student Driver Application Form*, if appropriate, and a copy of their driver's license. All information submitted on these forms will be reviewed and considered as part of the driver's approval process. It is each student's responsibility to inform, in writing, the Office of Parking and Transportation Services (P&TS) about any changes (e.g., change in vehicle ownership or identity, license revocation or suspension, accidents, change in state of license, etc.) to their status regarding this policy.

Each student must complete the on-line Defensive Driver course offered by the Office of Parking and Transportation Services (P&TS). Upon submission of the paperwork and an acceptable motor vehicle record review, P&TS will provide each student with access to the course. After successful completion of the course, the students' names will be added to the Approved Student Drivers list and will be sent confirmation by email that they have been approved.

The driver approval process, consisting of forms submission and Defensive Driver course completion, must be accomplished to have any financial protection under the College's insurance program in the event of an accident.

Procedure

None.

LCME Standard

None.

Related Information: Documents, Policies, Links, Etc.

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Policy Administration

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Dartmouth Transportation Services
Dartmouth Parking & Transportation Services

History

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April 27, 2012	Policy created and put into effect.
March 22, 2024	Policy was reviewed and revised to reflect updates implemented by the College.
October 16, 2024	Policy reviewed and updated to reflect Office of Student Life name and template
May 12, 2025	Policy contact info updated.

Background

None.