

**GARRISON FOREST SCHOOL**  
**300 GARRISON FOREST ROAD**  
**OWINGS MILLS, MARYLAND 21117**  
*Route to: Director of Residential Life's Office*

**GRANT OF PERMISSION FOR A BOARDING STUDENT**

**Instructions for Parents:**

- Please complete the following Grant of Permission and return it to the Director of Residential Life's Office by **August 1**. Until we have received this authorization, we cannot permit your daughter to leave campus.
- The Permission Form will be discussed during the orientation session for new boarding students and their parents or guardians. If you attend the session, it will be possible for you to update or amend the form after that discussion.
- This form allows you to give the School specific direction regarding the level of permission you grant your daughter; please discuss it carefully with your daughter and review your decisions with her.
- If you wish to require contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission for certain activities, it is important to provide the School and your daughter with the most complete contact information possible. Also, please talk with her about the prior planning on her part that may be necessary for sufficient advance time for School/parent contact.
- Even though you may be at a distance, there is no substitute for active parenting regarding your daughter's activities. Communicate with her regularly about her friends, her interests, and how and with whom she is spending her time.
- In particular, please make it a point to make contact with the parents of your daughter's friends, especially those parents whom your daughter may wish to drive with or visit in their home. Explore issues related to standards of supervision, the nature of activities permitted in the home, and other issues related to your critical parenting values and your daughter's well-being. The School is not in a position to assess these matters on your behalf.
- Parent-to-parent contact is important in part because the School is not able to monitor a boarding student's activity once she signs out with another parent/student/family. She is in their care for that time period and outside the School's sphere of knowledge and control. This is true even when the student has a prior discussion with a Residential Life faculty member.
- In instances in which the student is required by the terms of her permission form to discuss plans with Dean's Office administrators or a Residential Life faculty member, the student contact with School personnel is intended to:
  - Help School personnel stay informed about and connected with your daughter.
  - Allow School personnel to work out logistic details with your daughter.
  - Allow School personnel to confirm that invitations have been received and that the student is signing out in adherence with her permissions.
  - Allow School personnel to talk with your daughter about any concerns related to the sign out and to offer suggestions and guidance when warranted and feasible.
- In allowing a student to sign out, School personnel are working within the limits of their knowledge and role and are not serving as full substitutes for a parent.
- Please talk with your daughter about the School's expectation that she be aware of the permissions she has been granted and any conditions you have stipulated. The student is responsible for knowing and observing the terms of her permissions.
- This permission form may be amended at any time during the academic year by contacting the Director of Residential Life. It is also possible to establish specific stipulations for your daughter as warranted.
- Please make a copy of this form for your records and reference.

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Permissions for specific types of departures from campus:

1. Has my/our permission to go on **school-day outings**, such as field trips, with **GFS chaperones and GFS transportation**.
  - A. ☐ YES
  - B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time
2. **(For parents of Upper School students only)** Has my/our permission to be allowed **off campus during** the academic day in accordance with the grade-level privileges outlined in the *Upper School Handbook*.
  - A. ☐ YES
  - C. ☐ NO
3. Has my/our permission to go on **GFS-sponsored outings and activity trips** after school and on weekends, with **GFS chaperones and GFS transportation**.
  - A. ☐ YES
  - B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time
4. Has my/our permission to **leave campus after school**, as her schedule permits, **for non-GFS-sponsored activities**, such as for running errands with a friend's family.
  - A.1. ☐ YES, with no administrator/faculty member contact/signature required
  - A.2. ☐ YES, with the permission of an administrator
  - B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time
  - C. ☐ NO
5. Has my/our permission to **leave campus on a weekend for non-GFS-sponsored activities**, as long as she returns by the evening curfew and only uses transportation for which she has permission.
  - A. ☐ YES, with the permission of an administrator
  - B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time
  - C. ☐ NO
6. Has my/our permission to spend a **weekend overnight** at a GFS student's home.
  - A. ☐ YES, with an invitation and permission of an administrator
  - B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time
  - C. ☐ NO
7. Has my/our permission to spend a **weekday overnight** at a GFS student's home.
  - A. ☐ YES, with an invitation and permission of an administrator
  - B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time
  - C. ☐ NO
8. Has my/our permission to **babysit** for GFS families.
  - On school days/evenings:**
    - A. ☐ YES
    - B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time
    - C. ☐ NO
  - On weekends and non-school days:**
    - A. ☐ YES
    - B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time
    - C. ☐ NO

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9. Has my permission to **babysit** for Non-GFS families.  
**On school days/evenings:**  
A. ☐ YES  
B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time  
C. ☐ NO  
**On weekends and non-school days:**  
A. ☐ YES  
B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time  
C. ☐ NO
10. Has my/our permission to **host non-GFS visitors on campus on weekends** in accordance with school policy as stated in the *Residential Life Handbook*. Visitors are not permitted on campus during the academic week (Sunday at 6:00 pm through Friday at 6:00 pm) without special permission from the Director of Residential Life.  
A. ☐ YES  
B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time  
C. ☐ NO  
Optional: I/we wish to restrict this privilege to the following visitors:

### Permissions for specific types of transportation:

11. Has my/our permission to go by **taxicab, school-arranged chauffeured car, or Uber** to local destinations, accompanied by at least one other boarding student. \*Students may ride alone only on specific occasions when approved by Director of Residential Life and/or Dean of Students.  
**For taxicab:**  
A. YES  
B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time  
C. ☐ NO  
**For chauffeured car:**  
A. YES  
B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time  
C. ☐ NO  
**For Uber:**  
A. ☐ YES  
B. ☐ I/we require School contact with parent/guardian for specific permission each time  
C. ☐ NO
12. Has my/our permission to **ride a bicycle off campus** on school-chaperoned trips.  
A. ☐ YES  
B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time  
C. ☐ NO
13. Has my/our permission to **walk across Reisterstown Road** to the St. Thomas & Foundry Row Shopping Center in accordance with school policy as stated in the *Residential Life Handbook*.  
A. ☐ YES  
B. ☐ NO
14. Has my/our permission to be **driven by GFS parents** for **GFS-sponsored activities** (such as an athletic event) and **non-GFS-sponsored activities** (such as running errands).  
A. ☐ YES  
B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time  
C. ☐ NO

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15. Has my/our permission to be **driven by GFS students** for **GFS-sponsored activities**, in accordance with the School's Driving Regulations. I/we understand and agree that the school, its agents or employees are not responsible for the destinations, weather conditions, choice of roads, or competence of student drivers, or any breach of the letter as well as the spirit of the rules, or any other contingency arising from such permission.
- A. ☐ YES  
B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time  
C. ☐ NO
16. Has my/our permission to be **driven by non-GFS persons** for **non-GFS-sponsored activities**. I/we understand and agree that the School, its agents or employees are not responsible for the destinations, weather conditions, choice of roads, or competence of non-GFS drivers, nor any breach of the letter as well as the spirit of the rules, or any other contingency arising from such permission.
- A. ☐ YES  
B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time  
C. ☐ NO
- Optional: I/we wish to restrict this privilege to the following non-GFS drivers:
17. **(For parents of licensed drivers only)** Has my/our permission to **drive GFS students** in accordance with the School's Driving Regulations. I/we understand and agree that the School, its agents or employees are not responsible for the destinations, weather conditions, choice of roads, any breach of the letter as well as the spirit of the rules, or any other contingency arising from such permission.
- On school days/evenings:**
- A. ☐ YES  
B. ☐ I/we requires School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time  
C. ☐ NO
- On weekends and non-school days:**
- A. ☐ YES  
B. ☐ I/we require School contact with a parent/guardian for specific permission each time  
C. ☐ NO

I/we hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Garrison Forest School, its agents, employees, and trustees from any and all liability whatsoever arising out of any circumstances which may occur arising from my/our grant of permission as aforesaid, acknowledging that my/our daughter is thus beyond the direct control and responsibility of the School.

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Signatures of parent(s) or guardian(s)

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Date

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Signatures of parent(s) or guardian(s)

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Date

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Signature of student

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Date