

SAINT MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
Exception to School Transportation Form
2010-2011 School Year

The Catholic Diocese of Phoenix "Policy on Sexual Misconduct" provides, in part, that "*field trips or other outings involving a Diocesan student in places and situations where no other responsible adults are present...*" are to be avoided. The directive of this provision requires that two adults (one of whom has successfully completed the Diocesan Safe Environment Training-SET program) should always accompany and transport Saint Mary's students to and from all school-sponsored activities.

Because of the limited number of participants in various activities at Saint Mary's High School and the time of day in which those activities will occur, it may not always be possible to have two adults (one of whom has completed the SET program) occupying each vehicle transporting Knights and Lady Knights to and from those activities.

The Diocese permits exceptions to this policy only upon a showing by Saint Mary's High School that:

1) Saint Mary's High School has made reasonable efforts to have two adults (one of whom has completed the SET program) present in such vehicles, but without success; and **2)** a parent/guardian of any Saint Mary's Knight or Lady Knight participating in such program has consented in writing with notarization in order to allow such student to be transported in another manner.

I, _____ (name of parent/guardian), parent/guardian of

_____ (Saint Mary's student/my child) give permission for the transportation for my child for school sponsored activities for the school year indicated above by selecting one of the three options described below. Regardless of the option I choose, I agree that I will be solely responsible to determine if the driver of the vehicle transporting my child is legally able to drive and that the vehicle transporting my child has adequate auto insurance coverage. I understand that I must complete all required information, select the option for transporting my child, sign the document, date the document, and fulfill notarization requirements before this document may be accepted by Saint Mary's High School.

_____ **(1) CONSENT OF PARENT/GUARDIAN TO ALLOW FOR EXCEPTION TO POLICY**

I hereby consent to allow for the duration of this (activity/season) for my child (named above) to travel to and from the activities in a vehicle driven by one adult (who has completed the SET program), in a vehicle driven by the child listed on this form, or driven by the parents/guardians of the child listed on this form. I further acknowledge that I have instructed my child to occupy only the rear seat(s) of such vehicle when traveling as a passenger with another adult. I agree that if I wish to revoke this consent I will do so in writing and deliver such revocation to the Saint Mary's High School Principal.

_____ **(2) NON-EXCEPTION**

I choose to have my child (named above) always travel to and from the activities in a vehicle with two adults (one of whom has completed the SET program). I understand that if two adults (one of whom has completed the SET program) are not available, my student may not be able to participate in that activity on that day.

_____ **(3) ASSUMPTION OF TRANSPORTATION RESPONSIBILITY**

I or another parent/guardian of the child (named above) will solely provide transportation to and from the activities.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Notarization:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Notary Seal)

Signature: _____

Notary Public in the State of _____. My commission expires _____.