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Freedom in fast cars

Driving for increased responsibility

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Finally, the long awaited privilege arrived! Most juniors received their licenses and enjoyed this new freedom.

"Not having to depend on my parents to pick me up and drive me places is definitely the best part about having my license and a car," said **Ann Broadus**, 11.

Students also used their new mode of transportation as a way to better express themselves. Cars in the parking lot were decorated with unique stickers and personalized license plates.

Also, students hung various things from the rearview mirror; anything

from air fresheners to objects which symbolized importance to the students. However, driving was not pleasant for all students. Many were pulled over, given tickets, or even worse, were in an accident.

"I rear-ended my eighth grade history teacher when I first started driving. I was really nervous that my rates would go up but they didn't and he was cool about it. Thankfully it was after I had him as a teacher," said **Gregory van Amerongen**, 11.

All in all, the juniors loved driving and the privileges and experiences this ability brought them.



Driving to school in his 2005 Corolla S, **Taylor Jensen**, 11, enjoys his freedom. "My parents are pretty good about driving privileges. I have to pay for gas, so my tank is almost always running on empty," said **Jensen**. Juniors had different rules, but most students had to pay for at least some of their expenses.