

# ZERO to 60

## Students discuss their strangest car stories

Is driving a privilege or a hassle? For some West students, driving has presented many strange and recurring challenges. From mild to extreme accidents, there are many students at West that have encountered a difficult situation that deals with their car.

Whether it's an accident or a fun night out, students at West share their experiences with driving on the road. Senior **Kyleigh Tague** experienced a situation that can be pretty relatable to anyone with a car. Tague describes the moment she was locked out of her car. "I was locked out of my car for three hours while it was running. I just kept wondering how I was going to get my keys out," said Tague. After three hours of waiting, she had to find a way to get out of this situation considering her car was still on and running. "I sat in my friend's car the whole time until my grandma came here with my spare key because I didn't want anybody to steal my car," said Tague.

While many West students left the scene with little to no damage to their vehicle, some students, such as senior **Madison Perry**, weren't so lucky. Perry described one incident where she didn't use much caution and ended up with a messy situation.

"One time I was driving when it was snowing out. I was trying to stop at a stop sign, but I ended up sliding through it. I somehow managed to hit a person's house, their tree in their yard, and their R.V.," said Perry.

While many unfortunate accidents can happen alone, some incidents involved friends. One incident in particular involved senior **Cameron White** and his group of friends. "One time, a bunch of friends and I were off-roading. We went down this big hill, and when we tried to get back up we couldn't because it was so steep. We noticed that there was a creek by the bottom of the hill, so we decided to just cross it. We ended up getting stuck with my car half-way under water since we didn't think it would be that deep. After being stuck for over 5 hours, we had to have our friend's dad come help get us out," said White.

From locking your keys in a car, to sitting in your car when it's half-way under water, these stories not only will act as a funny story to tell when you're older, but they can also be used as a learning experience.

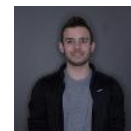
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Kyleigh Tague



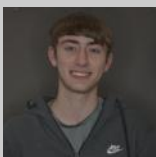
Madison Perry



Cameron White

## Wheels I want

1.



Kaden Graap '21

2.



Hunter Stangl '20

3.



Arissa Constantinou '20

4.



Shakall Steele '20

A.



C.



B.



D.



Answer Key: 1. A 2. D 3. B 4. C

## MESSY

## OR

## CLEAN?



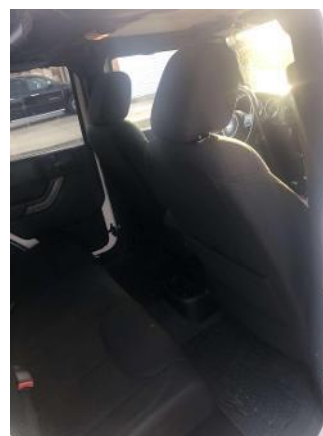
"Every day after school, I go to work and by the time I get home I go to bed. On the weekends, I want to relax before I go to work, so I never have time to actually clean it."

-Ariana Villa '21  
Photo By: Ariana Villa



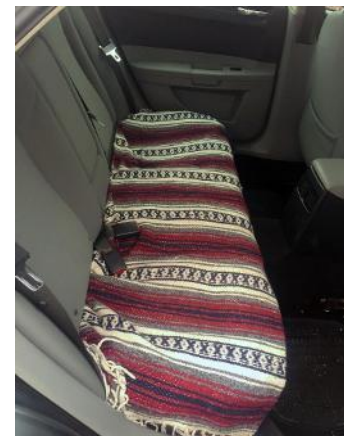
"My truck is messy when I'm done weight lifting. I have a nicer pair of clothes, so I just throw the dirty clothes in the back and then I try to clean it every weekend."

-Caleb Stevens '21  
Photo By: Caleb Stevens



"I never know what I am going to do or who I will be with. I clear it out every night. It makes me feel good to have a clean car because I hate when stuff is messy."

-Abbey Smith '22  
Photo By: Abbey Smith



"Having a clean car makes me feel good about myself and it's easier to get in and out. I feel like people think you're a dirty person if your car is messy."

-Glenda Christner '23  
Photo By: Glenda Christner

# SPEED Demons



"I drive fast because I get places faster, and it gives me a huge adrenaline rush. I have been pulled over 4 times and have had 3 tickets in the last year. The last time I got pulled over my license got suspended for 6 months."

**-Kenzey Wogomon '20**



"I like to drive fast because it gets me places a lot faster, and it is a lot more fun than driving slow."

**-Katie Roseman '20**



"I speed because it's a lot of fun. I have only been pulled over once, and I've have had three camera tickets. The cop caught me going 79 in a 50 but he didn't even give me a ticket."

**-Michael Hill '20**

# Car ESSENTIALS



"Something I always like to have in my car is a car scent that hangs from my mirror because I really hate bad smells. With a scent, it just makes it smell better, and it makes me happier."

**-Danielle Stevens '20**

"Something I can't live without is an aux cord because I have to listen to my music everywhere I go, and it charges my phone. I also have to have scrunchies on my gear shift because I think it's cute."

**-Hailey Stewart '20**

"I definitely can't have fun driving if I don't have music. I also need to have a blanket. In the mornings, rather than heating up my car, I just bring a blanket with me."

**-Makailee Aloian '22**



# What's hangin'

"I have a couple things hanging from my mirror. I have a 2020 graduation tassel, my Helium name tag, an orange car freshener, and a beaded friendship bracelet. I like having them there to personalize my car."

**-Taylor Wilcox '20**  
Photo By: Taylor Wilcox



"I have many things hanging from my mirror. I have a West lanyard, a green flower lei, a pink flamingo light up necklace, a vanilla candle Scentsy, a Hy-Vee nametag, and a WHS Senate badge. I like having them for decoration, and also so I don't forget any of my nametags."

**-Hailee Boisen '20**  
Photo By: Hailee Boisen

"I only have a Scentsy and a parking pass. My parents don't like me to have anything hanging from my mirror. They barely allow the Scentsy. Since my sister and I have to share a car, we also have her 2020 tassel, which my parents also don't like. If they allowed me to hang things on it I probably would decorate it."

**-Kylie Duyvejonck '22**  
Photo By: Kylie Duyvejonck



"Looking Back, I wish I would have gotten my school permit as a freshman. Moving Forward, I want to look more into car modifications and make my car more customizable."  
**-Eli Benson '22**

