

Drivers Education & the Learners Permit: A Roadmap for Families of FVHS Students



1. If your child will turn 14 1/2 by the first day of class:
 - a. Complete the registration form to apply for the Drivers Education class. The application is posted on the FVHS website.
 - b. Once notified by Ms Myers that you are assigned to a class, pay the \$65 fee and keep your receipt number. We can only take the first 35 students that have paid.
2. The student will complete the required classroom portion of the 30-hour virtual Drivers Education course, after school or during Breaks/summer, and must pass the online exam with a minimum grade of 70 (At DMV the student must score a minimum of 80 to get a Drivers Permit/License).
3. The student will then complete the required behind-the-wheel portion of the Drivers Education course, which is six hours of driving practice with an instructor.
 - a. *This typically occurs a few months after the classroom portion has been completed.*
 - b. Once this component has been completed, the driving instructor will issue the student a **Driver's Education Certificate** indicating that he/she has successfully finished the course.
4. Parents then go to NC DMV online to secure an appointment at any NC DMV location with available dates. *Please note that scheduling may be 4-6 weeks out, so securing an appointment often means going to a DMV that is 60-90 minutes away:* https://skiptheline.ncdot.gov/Webapp/_/_/_/en/WizardAppt/Units
5. Once a NC DMV appointment has been confirmed, contact Mrs. Moore (pmoore1@wcpss.net), Dean of Student Services at FVHS, and do the following:
 - a. Send her a screenshot of the DMV appointment confirmation.
 - b. Request your child's **Driver Eligibility Certificate**, which is required for the DMV appointment; you can pick this up at FVHS at a scheduled date/time (required documents must be presented at time of pick up).
6. Take your child to the selected NC DMV on the day of your confirmed Learners Permit appointment, and be sure to take the following with you:
 - a. Your child's birth certificate
 - b. Your child's Social Security card
 - c. Your child's Driver Eligibility Certificate
 - d. Hard copy of your DMV appt. Confirmation
 - e. Proof of residence (like mail, etc.)

7. Behind-the-Wheel Information (BTW):

- BTW has started back as of July 13, 2020 with a reduced work force, and we will proceed as scheduled prior to closure. We will work through each class session based on age within the class, oldest to youngest.
- Currently Driving - Dec/Jan Class
- We will proceed through the original rosters of classes. The process is expected to take some time, especially with the advent of “school day hours” and time requirements.
- Sometimes a younger student is scheduled prior to older one due to answering the phone or general availability for a time sensitive schedule. If you have a phone setting that does not allow your phone to ring with an unrecognized number, you might want to turn it off.
- I will only move someone up if the student is about to turn 18.
- Each BTW Instructor has been trained on safety protocols and has specific directions to follow that are not negotiable.
- Have students in closed toe shoes (**no sandals, slides, flip-flops, or Crocs**) and dressed appropriately.

8. Classroom Information:

- Resume taking registration forms in September (print clearly and in black ink, we must be able to read the information)
- Students are placed in class based on age, with older students given priority. The \$65 fee secures your seat in the class and covers the classroom and Behind-The-Wheel (BTW) lessons. The certificate of completion is provided at the conclusion of BTW lessons.

9. DMV Information:

- Driving Eligibility Certificates (DEC) are good for 30 days
- DEC are issued by Ms Moore - pmoore1@wcpss.net (see above instructions).
- Attend the required DMV vision check: time and location announced during classroom instruction.

10. Additional Questions:

- a. Tricia Myers
Lead Teacher - fvhsdrivered@gmail.com
- b. Jordan Driving School website - jds@jordandriving.com (read their website for commonly asked questions)