

Panther Creek High School

Process for Obtaining a Driver's Eligibility Certificate (DEC) or Replacing an Expired DEC

The following process will allow students to receive a Driver's Eligibility Certificate (DEC) while the school community is going through COVID-19.

DECs are only valid for 30 days; to save time it is best to schedule an appointment with the DMV prior to receiving the DEC from the school.

Step 1: Request an appointment

- **Parents and/or students must email the following documents to Christina Erexson at cerexson@wcpss.net to schedule an appointment.**
 - **Driver's Education Certificate** - This will limit the amount of paper that has to be exchanged by staff and students.

Step 2: Receiving the DEC

- **Bring the following documents to the appointment**
 - Student's birth certificate or passport
 - Proof of address if the current address is different than the one listed on the Driver's Education Certificate or the address listed in PowerSchool. **Address must be verified for the NC Real ID.**
 - Parent's picking up the DEC form for their student must bring a pictured ID.

Important Instructions

Once you arrive for your appointment, staff will direct you to the location to receive the DEC.

It is important that we limit the amount of direct contact and maintain at least 6 feet of social distance. For this reason, please limit the number of family members (preferably just the student and a parent or guardian) who attend the appointment.

Please note: Grades from second semester 2019-2020 will not be used for issuing a DEC first semester 2020-2021.

This process will resume at the end of first semester 2020-2021.

Student Services and/or School Appointed Staff will check the student's grades for adequate progress. **The student must have passed 70% of the courses taken in the prior semester in order to receive a DEC.**

Once grades have been verified and all other documents are in place, the DEC can be issued to the student.