

DRIVER EDUCATION

The Regional School Board offers a program of driver education in the safe operation of motor vehicles. The program includes instructions concerning

- alcohol and drug abuse;
- aggressive driving;
- the dangers of distracted driving and speeding;
- motorcycle awareness;
- organ and tissue donor awareness;
- fuel-efficient driving practices; and
- traffic stops, including law-enforcement procedures for traffic stops, appropriate actions to be taken by drivers during traffic stops, and appropriate interactions with law-enforcement officers who initiate traffic stops.

The program also includes an additional minimum 90-minute parent/student driver education component as part of the classroom portion of the driver education curriculum. However, no student who is (1) at least 18 years of age, (2) an emancipated minor, or (3) an unaccompanied minor who is not in the physical custody of the student's parent or guardian is required to participate in the parent/student driver education component. The parent/student driver program emphasizes (i) parental responsibilities regarding juvenile driver behavior, (ii) juvenile driving restrictions pursuant to the Code of Virginia, (iii) the dangers of driving while intoxicated and underage consumption of alcohol, and (iv) the dangers of distracted driving.

The Regional School Board offers classroom instruction. Behind-the-wheel instruction is offered by participating school divisions or private contractors. School boards are strongly encouraged to offer behind-the-wheel education during, and to make behind-the-wheel education training available during school hours and before or after school hours, including on weekends.

Any student who participates in a driver education program must meet the academic requirements established by the Board of Education. Necessary certification of the student's academic standing and compliance with compulsory attendance laws is provided to the student by the administration to be given to the Department of Motor Vehicles, in accordance with state law.

Driver education instructors possess valid driver's licenses and maintain satisfactory driving records.

At the beginning of each school year and thereafter as necessary, the Executive Director or his/her designee reports to the Department of Motor Vehicles the name and driver's license number of all persons providing instruction in driver education for the school.

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