

DRIVER EDUCATION

A program of driver education in the safe operation of motor vehicles and knowledge of rules, regulations, and laws will be offered. The program will consist of classroom training and “behind-the-wheel training.” In addition to the Virginia requirement of 14 hours in “behind-the-wheel training”, Albemarle County Schools provides 6 hours of simulator training to foster a higher level of skill in new drivers. To complement the Virginia Code requiring parents to give 45 hours of supervised driving to new teen drivers, Albemarle County requires parents to attend a two hour “Parent Seminar”. The seminar strives to heighten parental awareness of today’s congested highways, address the dynamics of teen behavior and cognition, lower parent stress levels with practical tips on coaching the teen and address issues insuring the teen. The Board may establish fees for the “behind-the-wheel” portion of the program that do not exceed the limit established by the Virginia Department of Education. The School Board may also request approval from the Board of Education to assess a surcharge to recover program costs that exceed state funding. The School Board may waive the fee or surcharge in whole or in part for those students it determines cannot pay the fee or surcharge. The program will include instruction concerning alcohol and drug abuse, aggressive driving and motorcycle awareness.

No student will be permitted to operate a motor vehicle without a learner's permit or a license. Necessary certification of students’ academic standing and compliance with compulsory attendance laws shall be provided by the administration to the Department of Motor Vehicles upon request, in accordance with state law.

At the beginning of each school year and thereafter as necessary, the Superintendent shall report to the Department of Motor Vehicles the name and driver’s license number of all persons providing instruction in driver education for the school division.

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