

# Student/Parent Driving Guide



**Parental Involvement Program**

***GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE***  
***INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT***

**RESTRICTIONS & CONDITIONS FOR LIMITED LEARNER PERMIT – (LEVEL I)**

- 1) The permit holder must be in possession of the permit.
- 2) A supervising driver must be seated beside the permit holder in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion. No person other than the supervising driver can be in the front seat.
- 3) For the first six (6) months after issuance, the permit holder may drive only between the hours of 5:00a.m. and 9:00p.m. with a supervising driver.
- 4) After the first six (6) months after issuance, the permit holder may drive at any time with a supervising driver.
- 5) Every person occupying the vehicle being driven by the permit holder must have a safety belt properly fastened about his or her body, or be restrained by a child passenger restraint system as provided in GS 20-137.1(a), when the vehicle is in motion.

**RESTRICTIONS & CONDITIONS FOR LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE – (LEVEL II)**

- 1) The license holder must be in possession of the license.
- 2) The license holder may drive without supervision in any of the following circumstances:
  - From 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - When driving to or from work
  - When driving to or from an activity of volunteer fire department, volunteer rescue squad, or volunteer emergency service, if the driver is a member of the organization.
- 3) The license holder may drive with supervision at any time. When the license holder is driving with supervision, the supervising driver must be seated beside the license holder in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion. The supervising driver need not be the only other occupant of the front seat, but must be the person seated next to the license holder.
- 4) Every person occupying the vehicle being driven by the license holder must have a safety belt properly fastened about his or her body, or be restrained by a child passenger restraint system as provided in GS 20-137.1 (a), when the vehicle is in motion.
- 5) When not accompanied by a supervising driver, there may be no more than one passenger under 21 in the vehicle. Does not apply to members of the license holder's immediate family or same household unless another passenger under 21 is in the vehicle.

**APPLICATIONS:** An application for a permit or license must be signed by the applicant's parent or guardian or person approved by the applicant's parent or guardian or by a person approved by the Division

**SUPERVISING DRIVER:** A supervising driver must be a parent or guardian of the permit holder or license holder or a responsible person approved by the parent or guardian or the Division. A supervising driver must be a licensed driver who has been licensed to drive for at least five (5) years.



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## Parents and students of New Hanover County eligible for driver's licenses and permits:

As of August 1, 1998, North Carolina enacted legislation that reflects a coordinated statewide effort to motivate all students to complete high school. This legislation is a coordinated effort between the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Public Instruction, the Division of Non-Public Schools, and Community College Systems to encourage students not to drop out of school and to maintain adequate academic progress towards a high school diploma or its equivalent.

The law states if a student fails to maintain adequate academic progress or drops out of school, his/her driver's license or permit will be revoked until they exhibit satisfactory academic progress, return to school, or turn eighteen (18) years of age.

In addition, the law requires a student to get a Driver's Eligibility Certificate from his/her Principal (or designee) before he/she can receive any permit or license. The Driver's Eligibility Certificate can only be issued to students who are enrolled in school and making adequate progress towards a diploma or its equivalent. The certificate will be revoked when and if the student fails to maintain adequate progress and/or fails to be enrolled in school. Adequate progress is defined as passing 3 out of 4 classes on a 4x4- block schedule.

### Lose Control Lose Your License

The State Board of Education for public schools and charter schools, the State Board of Community Colleges, or the Secretary of Administration for Nonpublic Schools and Home Schools are empowered to report to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) the fact that a student has been removed to an alternate school setting due to one of the following behaviors that results in disciplinary action (ex. an expulsion, a suspension for more than 10 consecutive days, or an assignment to an alternative educational setting for more than 10 consecutive days):

- The possession or sale of an alcoholic beverage or an illegal controlled substance on school property.
- The possession or use on school property of a weapon or firearm that resulted in disciplinary action under NCGS 115C-391(d1) or that could have resulted in that disciplinary action if the conduct had occurred in a public school.
- The physical assault on a teacher or other school personnel on school property.

### WHO IS AFFECTED?

Any student who was subject to disciplinary action for enumerated student conduct that occurred either after the first day of July before the school year in which the student enrolled in the eighth grade or after the student's fourteenth birthday, whichever event occurred first is subject to this subsection. A student who is subject to this subsection is eligible for a certificate when the school administrator determines that the student has exhausted all administrative appeals connected to the disciplinary action and that one of the following condition is met:

- The enumerated student conduct occurred before the student reached the age of 15, and the student is now at least 16 years old.
- The enumerated student conduct occurred after the student reached the age of 15, and it is at least one year after the date the student exhausted all administrative appeals connected to the disciplinary action.
- The student needs the certificate in order to drive to and from school, a drug or alcohol treatment counseling program, as appropriate, or a mental health treatment program and no other transportation is available.

The school administrator may reinstate the student's DEC after six (6) months if the following conditions have been met:

- The student has returned to school or has been placed in an alternative educational setting, and has displayed exemplary student behavior, as defined by the applicable State entity.
- The disciplinary action was for the possession or sale of an alcoholic beverage or an illegal controlled substance on school property, and the student subsequently attended and successfully completed, as defined by the applicable State entity, a drug or alcohol treatment counseling program, as appropriate.

Please contact the Principal of your assigned school if you have any questions or desire further information.

## SCHOOL COORDINATORS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<b>County Wide Coordinator</b>	<b>Lisa Morris</b> <a href="mailto:lisa.morris@nhcs.net">lisa.morris@nhcs.net</a>	<b>254-4292</b>
<b>Ashley High School and Isaac Bear Early College HS</b>	<b>Brian Stewart</b> <a href="mailto:brian.stewart@nhcs.net">brian.stewart@nhcs.net</a>	<b>790-2360 ext. 116</b>
<b>E. A. Laney High School and Wilmington Early College HS</b>	<b>Alan Sewell</b> <a href="mailto:richard.sewell@nhcs.net">richard.sewell@nhcs.net</a>	<b>350-2089 ext. 0</b>
<b>J. T. Hoggard High School</b>	<b>Colleen St. Ledger</b> <a href="mailto:colleen.stledger@nhcs.net">colleen.stledger@nhcs.net</a>	<b>350-2072 ext. 329</b>
<b>New Hanover High School and Mosley Performance Learning Center</b>	<b>Rick Holmes</b> <a href="mailto:richard.holmes@nhcs.net">richard.holmes@nhcs.net</a>	<b>251-6100 ext. 250</b>

**If you have any questions about the Driver Education Program at your school, please call the contact person listed above. Please remember that these people are teachers and may not be available until late in the day. If you leave a brief message with a name and telephone number, someone will return your call as soon as they can. If you need further assistance, call Lisa Morris at 254-4292.**

### NON DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In compliance with Federal law, including Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, New Hanover County Schools administers all state-operated educational programs, employment activities, and admissions without discrimination because of disability, race, religion, national, or ethnic origin, color, age, military service, or gender except where exemption is appropriate and allowed by law.

To file a complaint of discrimination, contact: Dr. Rick Holliday, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support and Federal Programs, 6410 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, NC 28412, Telephone (910) 254-4206; Fax (910) 254-4352.