

**DRIVER EDUCATION**

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) offers an in-person program of driver education in the high school in the safe operation of motor vehicles and knowledge of the relevant rules, regulations and laws. The program consists of classroom training and includes instruction 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. Per the Code of Virginia, parent/guardian participation is required in the parent/student driver education component of the driver education curriculum.

No student is permitted to operate a motor vehicle without a learner's permit or a license. ACPS provides the necessary certification of students’ academic standing and compliance with compulsory attendance laws 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 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 division. Driver education instructors possess valid driver’s licenses and maintain satisfactory driving records.

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48                   8 VAC 20-340-10.  
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51 Cross Refs.: JED   Students Absences/Excuses/Dismissals  
52                   JN    Student Fees, Fines, and Charges