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To: Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16) or Seventeen (17) Year Old Students and Parents/Guardians
Cc: All Other Students and Certified High School Staff
From: Josh McKeel, Director of Pupil Personnel
Date: June 3, 2025
Re: **"No Pass, No Drive" Law**

KRS 159.051, the "No Pass, No Drive" statute, was implemented by every public and private school across the Commonwealth on August 1, 2007. All fifteen (15), sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) year olds who apply for a driver's permit or license are now subject to the provisions of this statute. This law is intended to support dropout prevention and to provide an added incentive for students to stay in school and pass their courses.

The "No Pass, No Drive" statute results in the denial or revocation of a fifteen (15), sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) year old student's driver permit or license for academic deficiency, dropping out of school, or as a result of excessive unexcused absences. Academic deficiency has been defined by the Kentucky Department of Education as a student who does not have passing grades in at least six (6) of eight (8) courses or equivalent. A student is deemed to be deficient in attendance when he/she drops out of school or when he/she has accumulated nine (9) or more unexcused absences in a semester. Any absences due to suspension are unexcused absences.

Please refer to board policy 09.4294 regarding Drivers License Revocation.

A student that loses his/her permit or license under this law may reapply at the end of the next semester in which he/she meets the educational requirements. Students should notify the guidance office when they complete a semester of compliance so this can be verified and reported to the Transportation Cabinet.

Any fifteen (15), sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) year old applying for a driver permit must submit a completed School Compliance Verification Form to the Driver Licensing regional Offices. Students may obtain the form in the guidance office, have their parent/guardian sign the "consent to release student information" top portion of the form, and then return the form to the guidance office. The student's grades and attendance will then be verified by the school. If eligible, the completed form will be available for the student to pick up in the guidance office at the end of school three (3) school days after the signed consent is received by the guidance office. **Please note that the guidance office is closed when school is not in session, so make your requests well in advance if you need the School Compliance Verification Form during a school break (Fall Break, Summer, etc.)**