



What do I need to do to get my driving privileges reinstated? *A student must have 30 consecutive school days of full day attendance in order to apply for driving privileges to be reinstated. If the student experiences an unexcused absence, the 30 school days starts over on the next full day of attendance.*

When can local driver's license offices reinstate a student's driving privilege?

For local driver's license offices to reinstate driving privileges, the Notice of Intent to Suspend and a suspension order should appear on the driver's record. The completed DHSMV's reinstatement form (HSMV 72870) should be presented to the local driver's license office to reinstate a minor's driving privilege. The form should include the school's seal or a notarized signature. If a student should not have been reported and 20 days have elapsed, it is recommended that he or she obtain a status letter from the school responsible for reporting the student's attendance as non-compliant with section 322.091, Florida Statutes, to the DHSMV.

The DHSMV requests that the letter be on school letterhead, addressed to the DHSMV and include the principal or designee's signature; the student's name, date of birth and social security number (if available); and a statement that the student should not have been reported to the DHSMV. The letter is authorization for the department to reinstate the student's driving privilege and issue a duplicate license at no cost.

This brochure is designed to educate students and parents/caregivers about Florida's Compulsory School Attendance Law and the impact unexcused absences can have on a student's driving privileges.

For questions: Contact your School Administrator



Broward County Public Schools
Student Services Department
District Attendance Office



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School Attendance and Driving Privileges

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) school attendance requirement overview.





Florida Law: Attendance & Driving Privileges Basics



Students age 6 -16 are required to attend school as defined in Florida Statute Section 1003 Chapter 21.



Florida Legislature enacted requirements that schools must report to DHSMV students, under 18 (14-17), who accumulate 15 unexcused absences in a period of 90 calendar days. *(This does not apply once a student turns 18)*



School-based teams start interventions to address absenteeism early to remove barriers and support increased attendance.



The law dictates that students who fail to satisfy attendance requirements will be ineligible to maintain or obtain driving privileges, per Florida Statute Section 1003 Chapter 27.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the expectation for school attendance?

All students are expected to attend school, all day, every school day. It's the law!

If I skip 15 school days in one month, will I lose my driving privileges?

Yes. If a student reaches 15 unexcused absences in a 90 calendar day period, the District is required to report the legal name, date of birth, sex, gender, and social security number (if available) of the student to DHSMV.

How do I know what my attendance is?

Students and parents/caregivers can view attendance through the Focus app. Also, letters are sent to parents/caregivers when a student has 5, 10, and 15 unexcused absences. School-based teams want to help address barriers to attendance so we encourage you to participate in meetings that are held to get you back on track! If early intervention doesn't solve the attendance concern, the school-based team will notify the District office to send the students information to the DHSMV. DHSMV will send a Notice of Intent to Suspend.

Can a licensed driver request a hardship hearing?

Yes, Section 322.09(3), Florida Statutes, provides that a licensed minor or his or her parents have the right to request a hardship waiver hearing within 15 calendar days after the date of receipt of the Notice of Intent to Suspend letter. The District must electronically notify DHSMV of the request for a waiver hearing within 24 hours of receiving the request.

Do absences from the prior school year carry over into the new school year?

No, students begin each school year with no absences.

Does a parent have the right to cancel their student's driving privilege?

Yes, if the parent signed for the driver's license. The parent must write a letter identifying the student's full name and date of birth with a statement to cancel their child's driving privilege. The letter must be signed by the parent, faxed to 850-617-5095 or emailed to Truancy@flhsmv.gov.

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