

## DRIVER EDUCATION

The Gloucester County School Board offers a program of driver education in the high schools in the safe operation of motor vehicles. The program includes instruction concerning alcohol and drug abuse, aggressive driving, motorcycle awareness, distracted driving, organ and tissue donor awareness and fuel-efficient driving practices.

The School Board establishes fees, which do not exceed the limit established by the Department of Education, for the behind the wheel” portion of the program. 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.

Classroom training is offered as part of the regular secondary curriculum. Behind-the-wheel training is taught after the school day during the school year and during the summer at the high school.

The student and their parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to attend a “Safe Teen Driving Seminar” prior to the student enrolling in the behind-the-wheel training component.

Any student who participates in a driver education program must meet the academic requirements established by the Board of Education.

No student is 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 is provided by the administration to the Department of Motor Vehicles upon request, in accordance with State law.

Driver education instructors possess valid driver’s licenses and maintain satisfactory driving records. Any teacher of behind-the-wheel instruction who receives six or more demerit points in a 12-month period will be suspended from teaching driver education for 24 months.

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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**LEGAL REFERENCES:** Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1- 205; 46.2-334, 46.2-340.  
  
8 VAC 20-340-10  
  
8 VAC 20-720-80

**CROSS REFERENCES:** JED Student Absences/Excuses/Dismissals  
JFC-R Student Code of Conduct Manual  
JN Student Fees, Fines, and Charges