

# Hickory High School

## Driver Education

Dear Parents of Rising Sophomores:

Driver Education is part of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade Health and Physical Education curriculum. Students must have a learner's permit in order to participate in behind-the-wheel (range and road) portion of Driver's Education. Students without a learner's permit will be delayed in completing the state requirements for obtaining a provisional driver's license.

### Obtaining a Learner's Permit

#### Parents must:

- Grant DMV permission to issue their child a learner's permit and driver's license.
- Provide their child with at least 45 hours of guided practice, 15 of which must be after sunset.
- Determine when their child is ready to drive un-chaperoned.
- Suspend the child's driving privileges if he or she is not demonstrating responsible behavior.
- Notify their insurance agent when their child receives a 180-day provisional license.
- Continue to monitor their child's driving after receipt of a provisional license and reinforce safety belt use, limit passengers, cell phone use and other distractions.

#### Applicants must meet the following requirements to receive a Learner's Permit:

- Must be at least 15 years and 6 months old.
- Must have parent permission if less than 18 years old.
- Must complete a DMV application and pay for both the learner's permit and the driver's license.
- Must pass traffic sign test with a 100% and before you can take the 25-question general knowledge exam in part 2.
- Must score at least 80% to pass part 2.
- Must take a vision test.

#### Applicants must also show:

- 2 proofs of identification
- Proof of social security number
- Proof of VA residency
- Proof of legal presence

### Obtaining A First License

#### Less than 19 years old:

- Be at least 16 years and 3 months old.
- Complete a state-approved driver education course.
- Have a minimum of 36 class periods of classroom instruction.
- 14 hours of in-car instruction with 7 hours of simulator and 7 hours of range.
- Complete a 4 day road test.
- Have a learner's permit at least 9 months.
- Have a parent/guardian certify that they have completed their 45 hour driving log.

#### What's Next?

- Once the applicant has completed all of the requirements to obtain a license, the in-car driver education instructor will issue him/her a 180-day provisional (temporary) license. This document is a valid license when accompanied by a Virginia learner's permit.
- The in-car instructor will send a copy of the provisional driver's license to DMV.
- The applicant will receive a legal notice instructing him/her to appear in court accompanied by a parent or guardian, to receive the permanent driver's license.