

## Driver Education

Students can sign up for Behind the Wheel in D-2 before 9:00 a.m. to schedule a date; students should bring the fee with them. The cost is \$100.00 for all students that have completed the classroom portion of Driver Education or \$235.00 for all students that have completed the VADETS program online.

When planning to schedule BTW, students should plan to schedule at least a month out from their eligibility date. Depending upon the time of the year and instructor availability, we may need even more notice. We ask students to take into account their work and practice schedules, or anything that could possibly interfere. Once you are assigned a partner, it becomes increasingly more difficult to re-schedule you as your date draws closer.

In Henrico County, students taking the Driver Education classroom portion only have to do 3 days of Behind the Wheel training. Including in their training each day is a period of observing and a period of driving. The first day of BTW will consist of residential and lower risk driving and each lesson will increase in difficulty and higher risk driving. For those that complete the VADETS program, you will do 7 days of BTW training (7 periods driving and 7 periods observing). Your first few days will consist of parking lot training and each day will increase in difficulty.

### **Behind the Wheel**

- Complete and pass the classroom portion of Driver Education
- We will start taking students BTW once we have finished range
- We will sign up those students who have paid the fee
- Once completed and eligible, students will receive a 180-day temporary driver's license
- The TDL serves as your license and you should keep it with your Learner's Permit at all times

### **Obtaining a License**

- Complete and pass the classroom portion of Driver Education
- Complete BTW training
- Students must hold their Learner's Permit for a minimum of 9 months
- When the student is 16 years and 3 months old (and have held their learner's permit for 9 months) they may pick up their TDL-180 in the front office
- When receiving the TDL-180, the local Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court will notify the student by mail to appear before the judge in order to receive his/her permanent license (you may be notified anytime within the 180-day period). You must wear clothes appropriate for court and arrive on time, otherwise the Bailiff will NOT let you in.

If you have any further questions, please email Gary Steele at [gwsteele@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:gwsteele@henrico.k12.va.us) or by phone at (804) 750-2600. Email will typically provide the fastest response, but I will return all phone calls within 24 hours.

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