

Macon County Schools
Driver's Education Program

Welcome to the Driver's Education program for the Macon County School system. In order to be eligible to participate in this program, a student:

- Must be a resident of Macon County;
- Must be at least 14 ½ years of age;
- Must attend a public school, private school or home school.

Step 1 – Online Course – The Driver's Education program is initiated by the completion of an online course. You may access the online Driver's Education course at the following link:

www.costech.com/macon

Procedures for the online course are as follows:

- The student will access the online course website and will complete the log in and registration process as directed;
- An automated email will be generated and sent to the Driver's Education instructor;
- The Driver's Education instructor will verify that the student is a resident of Macon County and will then grant access to the online course;
- The Driver's Education instructor will be notified when a student has successfully completed the online course.

Step 2 – Eye Exam – Following the completion of the online course, the student must pass an eye examination administered by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. A student cannot receive a legal "Restricted Instruction Permit" nor will they be allowed to complete the required six (6) hours of driver training with the Driver's Education instructor unless they successfully pass the eye exam. This test will be periodically scheduled throughout the school year.

Step 3 – Documentation – Following the completion of the online course and successful completion of the eye exam, a student will be required to complete the necessary paperwork which will allow the student to begin the required six (6) hours of driver training.

- The "Restricted Instructional Permit" must be completed by the student and their parent / guardian.
- The "Parent Permission Form" must be completed by the student and their parent / guardian.

Step 4 – Driver Training – Students are scheduled to drive in the order that they return their completed documentation. The six (6) hours of driver training includes four 1 ½ hour basic lessons:

- 4-lane driving;
- Residential driving and right / left side turns;
- Rural / shopping center driving and review; and
- Town driving and 3-point turns.

Upon successful completion of driver training, a student will be issued the necessary paperwork from the Driver Education program to take to the DMV to receive their permit. This paperwork includes the “Driver’s Education Certificate” and the “North Carolina Driving Eligibility Certificate.” The latter form verifies that a student has passed at least 70 % of their classes during the previous semester.

Fees – At the present time, those students attending a private school not in Macon County will submit a fee of \$245 in order to be eligible to complete the “Driver Training” portion of the program.

Questions – If you have any other questions or concerns about the Driver’s Education Program in the Macon County School system, please contact the school at which your child attends to receive more information. Private school and home schooled students should contact the public high school in your attendance zone for more information.

- Franklin High School 828-524-6467
- Highlands School 828-526-2147
- Macon Early College 828-369-7331
- Nantahala School 828-321-4388
- Union Academy 828-369-1277

You may also contact Mitch Myers, Driver’s Education Instructor at 828-524-6467 or at mitch.myers@macon.k12.nc.us for more information.