

## **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 1/2 years of age;
- Must attend a public school, private school or home school.

**Beginning the Process** – In order to begin the process that is the Driver's Education program for the Macon County School system, please contact the school that the student attends. If the student attends a private school or a home school, it will be necessary that you contact Franklin High School. Please note the following...

- The fee for the Driver's Education program is \$20, cash only.
- After paying the fee, the student will receive paperwork necessary to begin the Driver's Education program. Please complete and return all necessary paperwork to the appropriate school.
- Home school students must provide documentation from the North Carolina Department of Non-Public Instruction that verifies enrollment in a home school.
- The Driver's Education instructor will register the student upon receipt of the required paperwork and / or documentation.
- The student will receive an email from "Costech," which is the vendor that operates the online Driver's Education course for the Macon County School system. If you do not receive an email from the vendor within a few days following registration, please contact the Driver's Education instructor at Franklin High School or the appropriate contact at your school. *Note – check your email inbox and your junk mail, as emails from the vendor sometimes go to your junk mail box.*
- The email from the vendor will provide you with the necessary information to begin the online course – the website address, an ID number, and a password.

**Beginning the Online Course** – After receiving the necessary information via email, you will then be ready to begin the online course. Note that the course contains eleven (11) modules and a final exam. You must also achieve a score of seventy (70) or higher in order to pass each module and a score of eighty (80) or higher on the final exam in order to receive credit. You must also log at least thirty (30) hours of seat time in order for you to receive credit. As you work through the online course it will be necessary for you to review all questions incorrectly answered as some of these same questions will be asked on the final exam.

**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.

- If you are a private school or home school student it will be necessary for you to go to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles – Driver's License Office to have an eye exam before turning in all necessary paperwork.

- All other students must attend and complete an eye exam at Franklin High School. These eye exams are typically scheduled every four to six (4-6) weeks.
- Be advised that you cannot go to a physician, optometrist, or optician to receive your eye exam.
- If you do not pass the eye exam you will be given a “Form 804” to take to an optometrist or optician. Once this is completed by the physician you may return same to the Driver’s Education instructor at Franklin High School.
- This eye exam can be complete before or during completion of the online course.

**Upon Completion of the Online Course** – The Driver’s Education instructor will receive an email upon completion of the online course. The Macon County School system would also ask that you contact the Driver’s Education instructor as well upon completion of the course as the instructor does not always receive the requisite email from the vendor.

**Driving** – Upon completion of the online course and receipt of a passing eye exam, the student will be placed on the driving list. Please note that students are added to the driving list in the order that they complete both the online course and eye exam. Six (6) hours of behind-the-wheel training is required.

**Upon Completion of the Online Course and Driving** – The student will be issued the proper documentation to take to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles – Driver’s License Office in order to attempt to obtain a driving permit. Students that attend a home school must obtain one of the documents from the North Carolina Department of Non-Public Instruction. The need for this document will be explained to you upon completion of the driving requirement. The following documentation will be necessary...

- Driver Education Certificate
- North Carolina Driving Eligibility Certificate
- Certified or Original Copy of a Birth Certificate
- Original Social Security Card

**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 school students should contact Franklin High School for more information.

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| • 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 Mr. Alton Sutton, Driver's Education Instructor at 828-524-6467 (work), 828-342-1997 (cell), or at [alton.sutton@macon.k12.nc.us](mailto:alton.sutton@macon.k12.nc.us) for more information.