

## MACON COUNTY SCHOOLS

### DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM

In order to register for the driver education program in the Macon County School system a student:

1. Must be a resident of Macon County
2. Must be at least 14 ½ years of age
3. Must attend a public school in Macon County, private school, or home school

**STEP- 1-**The student must go to the public school they attend or if they are at a private school or home schooled they must go to Franklin High School to obtain proper forms to register for the driver education program. Before they receive the paperwork they must pay \$65 (cash only). This is paid at the school.

**STEP 2-**The student and his/her parents must complete the paperwork and return it to their respective school or FHS if they attend a private school or are homeschooled. Once the completed forms are returned to the school the student will be registered to begin the online course, which is the classroom portion of the driver education program. The student and/or parent should receive an email within a day or two after they turn in the completed paperwork. If they do not receive an email within a day or two after they turn in the completed paperwork they need to contact the driver education instructor at Franklin High School. The email will give you the website, an ID#, and password in order to begin the online course. **THE PAPERWORK MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE THE STUDENT WILL BE REGISTERED. INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROVIDED WITH THE FORMS. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETE THE FORM ENTIRELY.**

**STEP3-EYE EXAM-**If the student attends Franklin High School, Macon Early College, or Union Academy he/she must attend one of the eye exams which are scheduled at Franklin High School. This needs to be done during the time the student is taking the online course. If the student attends Highlands School, Nantahala School, private school, or home schooled, the student must take their forms, before they turn them in at Highlands School or Nantahala School to the DMV and have their eyes examined. A doctor's eye exam is not sufficient. It must either be done at FHS during one of their scheduled eye exams or at the DMV. Once the student completes the online course they cannot be added to the driving list until they have had an eye exam. This is why it is important that they have their eyes checked before turning in the completed forms or at least during the time they are taking the online course.

**STEP 4-ONLINE COURSE**-The online course consists of 11 modules and a final exam of 100 questions. In order to complete the course a student must have spent at least 30 hours in the course, completed all 11 modules, and passed the final exam with at least a score of 80+.

**STEP 5-DRIVING**-Once the student completes the online course the company “Costech” will email the driver education instructor and inform them the student has completed the online course. The student will automatically be added to the driving list as long as the student has had an eye exam by DMV personnel. The student will be scheduled to drive as their class schedule allows or during the summer as the instructor is able to schedule the student. The driving time must be 6 hours of behind the wheel

**STEP 6-COMPLETION**-Upon completion of the online course and the driving portion of the driver education program, a student will be issued the necessary paperwork, issued by the driver education instructor, to take to the DMV in order to obtain a North Carolina Driving Permit. The following forms must be taken to the DMV in order to obtain a North Carolina Driving Permit.

Student must provide:

An original or certified copy of their birth certificate

An original social security card

Driver Education Instructor will provide:

A North Carolina Driver Education Certificate

A North Carolina Driving Eligibility Certificate: This will be provided by the driver education instructor unless the student is home schooled. If the student is home schooled then the person in charge of teaching the student must order this form from the Department of non public education in North Carolina.

**QUESTION**-If you have any other questions or concerns about the Driver 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-828-306-7006

Nantahala School-828-321-4388

Union Academy-828-369-1277