**PARTNERS FOR SAFE TEEN DRIVING**

***ALL STUDENTS IN 10TH GRADE P.E. AND PARENT/GUARDIAN ATTENDANCE REQUIRED!***

As a part of classroom driver education instruction, students and their parent/guardian are required to attend a 90-minute traffic safety program. This requirement must be met before a student will receive a Driver Education Certificate of Completion (DEC-District 8 card).

The program will be held at Fairfax High School on:

* **September 19** beginning promptly at **6:00pm in the auditorium** (1st Quarter)
* **November 14** beginning promptly at **6:00pm in the auditorium** (2nd Quarter)
* **March 5** beginning promptly **at 6:00pm in the auditorium** (3rd Quarter)
* **May 12** beginning promptly at **6:00pm in the auditorium** (4th Quarter)

**The legislative requirement is for a 90-minute program; therefore, doors will be shut at 6:00pm. No one will be admitted after the doors have been closed.** You are strongly encouraged to attend the program at this time. If you are unable to attend at this time, additional program dates and locations can be found on the Fairfax County Public Schools website at [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu).

This program will provide parent/guardian and student with information about:

* Parent’s role in teen driving
* The teenage brain
* Teen driving risks
* Graduated licensing laws in VA
* Effective driving skills
* Driver education
* Interacting with law enforcement
* Parent/teen driving contract

Please be aware of the following procedures that have been established to fulfill the requirements of the law:

* Student must attend with his/her parent or guardian
* **Attendance for the full 90-minute presentation is required**
	+ **Those arriving late will not be admitted**
	+ **Those leaving early will not receive a certificate of completion**
* Proper completion of the registration form is required **(student’s currently in Grade 10 Health and PE do not need to register)**
* Affirmation of Attendance forms must be submitted at the conclusion of the program by the parent/guardian and student; only one form will be accepted and the form will be checked for completion
* The program must be completed during the school year in which the student is enrolled in grade 10 health and physical education
* No program fees will be charged to students currently enrolled in FCPS grade 10 Health and PE. Fees, as allowed by Virginia Department of Education, will be assessed if the program is completed through ACE.
* Documentation of completion:
	+ At the end of the quarter that the student has classroom driver education, he/she will receive:
		- A **pink DEC-District 8 card** if he/she has both passed the quarter of classroom driver education AND has attended one of the PSTD sessions.
		- A **certificate of completion** if he/she has ***not*** passed the quarter of classroom driver education, but HAS attended one of the PSTD sessions.

**Please allow extra time for arrival and departure. The presentation is 90-minutes, registration and departure is in addition to this time.**

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