**Driver Education – Partners for Safe Teen Driving - Information for Distribution to Parents - 2022-2023**

**Partner’s for Safe Teen Driving (PSTD) is a required component of classroom driver education.**

* No student will receive documentation of classroom driver education completion (DEC-District 8 pink card) until they have completed classroom instruction and attended PSTD. *This includes any student who may move to other areas of Virginia or out-of-state.*
* Programs are offered multiple times throughout the school year. Students unable to attend a presentation scheduled at their school may register and attend additional programs offered through Adult and Community Education (ACE). A $30 fee applies to ACE programs.
* Programs begin promptly. Late arrivals are not admitted. Joining late or leaving early will not fulfill the requirement.

**Students Enrolled in FCPS grade 10 Health & Physical Education**

* Student and parent/guardian should plan to attend their school’s program during the quarter the student is enrolled in classroom driver education instruction. Students enrolled in Online Campus will receive information on PSTD.
* PSTD must be completed at school or through FCPS Adult and Community Education (ACE). **PSTD completed at a commercial driving school or through VADETS does NOT fulfill the requirement.**
* Grading:
	+ The quarter grade for classroom driver education is recorded as the health and physical education grade. Attendance at a PSTD presentation does not impact a student’s grade in health and physical education.
	+ Students receive a second grade recorded as the driver education grade. This grade will be recorded as follows:
		- Pass (P) – passing grade in classroom driver education and attendance at PSTD
		- Fail (F) – failing grade in classroom driver education
		- Incomplete (I) – passing grade in classroom driver education and did not attend PSTD
* PSTD is provided to students currently enrolled in FCPS grade 10 HPE and their parent/guardian at no charge when attended at school.
	+ Registration will be handled onsite, and documentation of attendance will be recorded in FCPS’ Student Information System.

**Students in FCPS grades 11 or 12**

* Students may attend a program offered through ACE.
* Families are required to preregister to attend a session. A fee of $30 will be assessed to attend. Registration must be completed in advance of the program to allow proper documentation of attendance.
* An affirmation of attendance form will be completed the evening of the presentation. The original will be turned in and a copy will be provided to the student.
* Student’s attendance will be recorded in FCPS’ student information system and in ACE’s registration system.
* The student must bring the affirmation of attendance form to their classroom driver education teacher to receive the DEC-District 8 card.
	+ Registration is available at

<https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/CategorySubjectListing.aspx?ProgramID=28&ProgramName=Driver+Education&IsCourse=1>

* + Multiple students in the same family require separate registration.
	+ Questions about registration should be directed to FCPS Adult and Community Education (ACE) at 703-658-2727.
	+ Registration and payment will not be accepted at local schools or at the presentation.

**Students taking driver education outside of FCPS**

* + PSTD is required to be provided by the driving school the student is attending.
	+ Student should make arrangements with the commercial driving school to attend.