

## Arlington Public Schools Driver Education Behind-the-Wheel Program

Students eligible for the Driver Education Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) must meet the prerequisites and requirements as prescribed by the Code of Virginia §22.1-205. The program is also contingent on the availability of the school's Behind-the-Wheel instructors.

Students must be:

- 15 years and 6 months old
- A Virginia resident
- Possess a current Virginia's Learner's permit
- Currently enrolled in an Arlington Public Schools high school
- Completed the APS driver education classroom and parent/student safety components
- DEC-8 Completion Card (pink)
- In attendance with parent/guardian at the required by law Parent/Teen Driver Education Meeting during the online instruction (required for behind the wheel instruction)
- Willing to schedule the minimum periods of in-car instruction (7 periods on street instruction and 7 periods observation instruction) at the availability of the school's behind-the-wheel instructor's schedule. While the 7 periods of observation are waived due to COVID and Code of Virginia, APS will maintain this practice in efforts to provide enhanced instruction.
- Maintain all APS/VDH/CDC COVID guidelines at all times during the driver education instructional periods

**Prior to the first session of the Behind the Wheel instruction, student must complete payment through the school bookkeeper. The APS Behind-the-Wheel lab fee of \$ 0.00 (based on school year).**

By signing this form, the student and parent/guardian agree to the above requirements.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver Education Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Classroom and in-car instruction shall follow the standardized program of study.
- The length of a class period must be a minimum of 50 minutes.
- Students must drive a minimum of 50 miles during the in-car phase of instruction.
- In-car instruction must be limited to no more than two periods of instruction in any 24-hour period, of which at least one must be actual driving.

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Please complete the following information:

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Learner's Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

- Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Completion of the driver education classroom component
- APS, VADETS, or Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Date completed \_\_\_\_\_
- DEC-8 Card \_\_\_\_\_

- Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Parent/Guardian cellphone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Student(s) in BTW pod (completed by instructor)

- Drive 1 \_\_\_\_\_

- Drive 2 \_\_\_\_\_

- Drive 3 \_\_\_\_\_

- Drive 4 \_\_\_\_\_

- Drive 5 \_\_\_\_\_

- Drive 6 \_\_\_\_\_

- Drive 7 \_\_\_\_\_