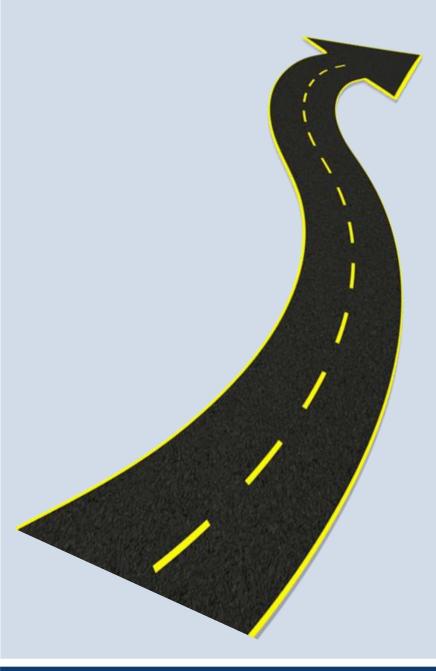
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Driver Education & Traffic Safety





Agenda

- Risk Management
- Program Updates
- Statutes, Policy, and Data
- New Legislation
- <u>Announcement</u>: Upcoming Regional Meetings

SBE-Appointed Groups (2-year Term Limit)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONI -

Carol Ann Hudgens – Section Chief, Exceptional Children Division (2023) Kevin Harrison – Section Chief, Transportation (2024) Dr. Darian Jones – Consultant, Office of Charter Schools (2024)

<u>COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOLS</u> –

Craig Uzzell, Owner, A+ Driving School, Wayne County **Eddie Jordan**, Owner, JDS Carolinas Driving Sch, seven (7) counties

PSU COORDINATORS/TEACHERS -

Chad Aharon, Coordinator, Alamance-Burlington Schools Asim McGill, Coordinator, and Dir. of Student Development, Martin Co. Schs.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE -

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Owen Darrah, Senior High School Student, Holly Springs High Sch.

DEAC Membership Recommendations

Agency-Appointed Groups (No Term Limits)

- <u>Governor's Highway Safety Program</u> Dr. Cheryl Leonard, Asst. Director*
- <u>CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE</u>

Kella Hatcher, Executive Director

- NC DOT TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT -
 - Daniel Carter, Safety Planning Engineer
- DMV Driver License –

Michael Newsome, DMV Director

- <u>DMV School and Traffic Safety</u>-Reba Baker, Staff Development Coordinator
- NC Division of Non-Public Education –

Dr. Chena' Flood, Director

LAW ENFORCEMENT -

Capt. Gary Brown, Assistant Director Field

- Operations
- NC DEPT. OF INSURANCE -

Hygan Kapikian

- NC Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association Devin Tanner, Past President
- PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION -

Dr. Kashi Bazemore, Federal Legislative Chair

UNC HIGHWAY RESEARCH CENTER -

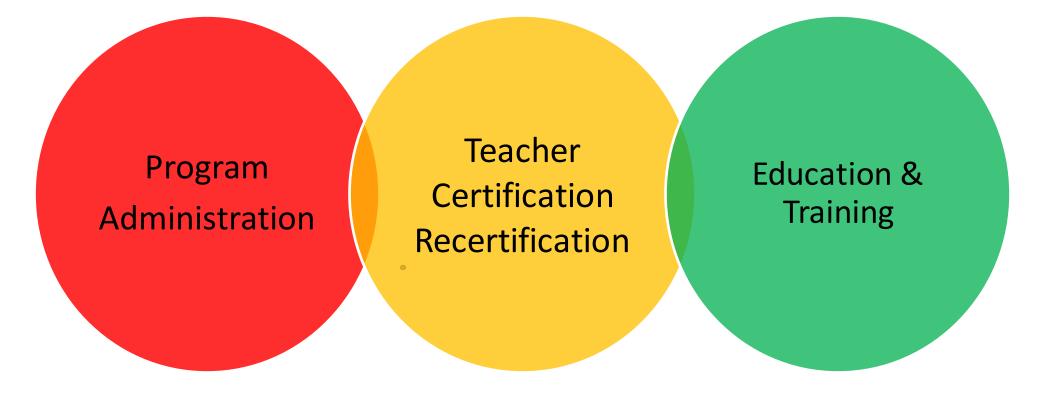
Natalie O'Brien, Senior Research Associate

Agencies

*Chair shall be approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) from the committee

DEAC Membership Agency Representatives

DPI Focus Areas



Teacher Certification

Safety & Traffic Education Program (STEP)

Professionals – Paraprofessionals - add-on 096 Safety & Driver Training Restricted License

Accessibility -Phases -Costs -Selection - remote instruction, synchronous and asynchronous format 3 Phases and a local practicum No cost to candidate or district Local coordinator

Approaching 200 graduates since 2019!

Consult Driver Education Salary Guide for pay grades.





Allotments based on 9th grade ADM

Statewide Administration

Requirements for state and local programs.

<u>G. S. 115C – 215</u> <u>G. S. 115C – 216</u>

- The driver education program <u>shall</u> be for the purpose of making available public education to all students on driver safety and training.
- Must be age 14 ½ years of age and enrolled in a N. C. school district.

Public School Program serves **ALL** students but must be enrolled in a:

- ✓ Public and Charter
- ✓ Private
- Homeschool
- ✓ Federal



Statewide Administration

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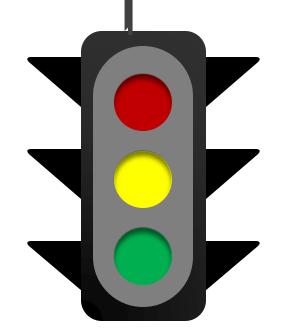
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Statute Requirements

- Administration and oversight
- Who is eligible?
- Funding
- Five (5) curriculum requirements
- Teacher salary guide
- Contracting
- Teacher certification
- Driver Education Advisory Committee (DEAC)
- Reporting requirement
- DPI staffing
- Fee (local decision, up to \$65)
- DPI curriculum requirement

Statewide Administration

New Legislation



Driver Training Fuel Reserve Fund Code: 1830 - \$2.800,000 NR

Provides funds to support increased fuel costs in the driver training program, including those incurred by third-party providers contracted by LEAs. DPI shall distribute these funds based on need.

- PRC 012 Policy Amendment
- Must be approved by SBE



Local Administration

Requirements for state and local programs.

<u>G. S. 115C – 215</u> <u>G. S. 115C – 216</u>

NCAC 1606E ...

- .0301 Requirements
- .0302 Non-certified instructors
- .0303 Contracts

SBE Policy

- DRIV-001 Contracts
- <u>DRIV 003</u> Teacher Certification
- <u>DRIV-004</u> Requirements

Types of local programs

- In-house programs (45%)
- Contracting (65%)
 - Totally
 - Partial

Quarterly Reports Data

9 th grade – ADM - 119,945 Students	
 Classroom – BTW – 	89,344 75,970
 Public - Charter - Private - Home - Federal - 	68,602 2,869 2,593 2,455 107
• 8^{th} - • 9^{th} - • 10^{th} - • 11^{th} - • 12^{th} -	2,407 53,888 22,888 21,339 2,601

Backlog – Districts are back on pace of pre-COVID completions.



Allotment Strategies

• Fees:

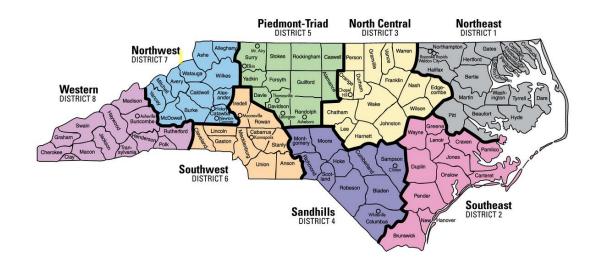
- Districts may charge a fee up to \$65.00
- These monies must be used to help offset direct costs of the program.
- If they charge a fee, the must have a process to reduce or waive the based on the economics of the student.
- Decrease local costs
- Leveling of playing field for smaller PSUs
 - Consideration of Transportation model for vehicle purchases.



Back-to-School Stakeholder Workshops

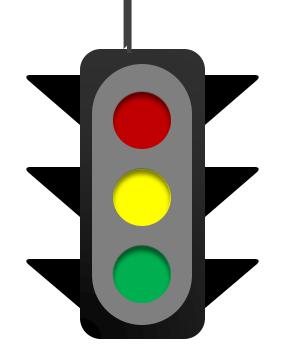
August 2022

- 1st Caldwell
- 2nd Haywood
- 3rd Union
- 4th Cumberland
- 5th Guilford
- 8th Durham
- 10th New Hanover
- 11th Martin



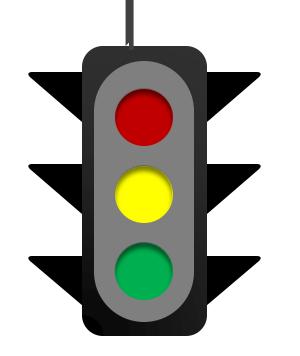
NCDPI, SBE Districts by Regions

Takeaways



- DPI Standardization Focus
- Teacher Certification
- District Administrative Requirements
- Data collections provide DPI with valuable information
- Regional meetings beginning August 1st

Questions



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