

NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Dropout Prevention/Driver's License Guidelines

Dear Parents & Student:

You may not know, North Carolina has legislation that reflects a coordinated statewide effort to motivate and encourage students to complete high school. The revocation of a student's driving permit or license will result if a student is unable to maintain adequate academic progress or drops out of school. The law is in effect as of August 1, 1998.

What State Agencies Are Involved in the Law?	The law specifically identifies several state agencies to work collaboratively in the implementation of the law. The Department of Public Instruction, Division of Motor Vehicles, the Division of Non-Public Schools, and Community College System are partners in this effort.
Who Is Affected By This legislation?	The new legislation is directed to <u>all</u> North Carolina students under the age of 18 who are eligible for a driving permit or license. This includes public school, federal school, home school, and private school and community college students.
Who Is Not Affected By This Legislation?	Students who have attained a high school diploma, a High School Equivalency (HSE), or an Adult High School (AHS) Diploma as issued by a community college are not affected by this legislation. In addition, students who received a driving permit or license prior to the implementation of the Graduated Driver's License Program (before December 1, 1997) are not affected.
Driving Eligibility Certificate	There are several changes in the procedures regarding how a student obtains and retains his or her driver's permit and license. A student will need to have a Driving Eligibility Certificate in order to receive a North Carolina driver's permit or license. The Division of Motor Vehicles will not issue a driver's permit or license without a Driving Eligibility Certificate.
What is Adequate Progress?	Adequate academic progress will be evaluated at the end of six months. A student enrolled in Basic Skills must attend class for a minimum of sixty hours per month for a period of six consecutive months. A student enrolled in HSE must pass two GED tests. A student enrolled in AHS must pass two AHS units. A student enrolled in Adult Basic Education or English as a Second Language must demonstrate progress at the end of each six month period by increasing scores on each subsequent standardized test or making progress as documented by teacher assessment.
If someone under the age of 18 does not have a high school diploma from a regionally accredited high school, what must he/she do in order to qualify for a driving eligibility certificate?	Enroll in a North Carolina public, private, approved home school, or community college (Basic Skills Program leading toward a HSE) and demonstrate adequate academic progress toward obtaining a high school diploma or its equivalent.

North Carolina Identification/Driver's License Guidelines Agreement

This form is **required** even if student does not have a driver's license. It must be signed and given to Life Skills Staff when student attends the Basic Skills Student Success (BSSS) or Student Success Class (SSC).

I acknowledge receipt of the *Driver's License Guidelines for Minors* given to me in the minor packet at Gaston College.

(Student Name)

(Date of Birth)

(Date)

(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)

(Date)

I understand that the number of credits required for **AHS Diploma** or number of hours required for **ABE/HSE** classes **may not** meet the attendance/academic requirements to obtain or retain my driver's license.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to ensure I have scheduled and attended the required hours to obtain or retain my driver's license.

(Student Name)

(Date)

(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)

(Date)