

New License Requirement for all Sophomores Enrolled in FCPS

As a part of classroom driver education instruction *each* student *and* their parent/guardian are required to attend a 90-minute traffic safety program. This compulsory attendance at the traffic safety program is the result of a new Commonwealth of Virginia law (22.1 - 205) that took effect academic year 2010-2011. This requirement *must* be met before a student can receive a Driver Education Certificate of Completion which is commonly known as a (DEC-1 card).

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) will be offering 5 *evening* traffic safety programs throughout the school year to help accommodate schedules. Our goal is to offer one presentation per quarter with the expectation that you will attend at a time that your son or daughter is enrolled in Driver Education. There will be a 5th night towards the end of the school year for those who miss earlier dates due to illness or irresolvable conflicts in the families' schedule.

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

- Parent's role in teen driving
- The teenage brain and teen driving risks
- Graduated licensing laws in VA
- Effective driving skills
- Interacting with law enforcement

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 Attendance
- Proper completion of a Registration form is required *at the conclusion* of the 90-minute presentation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Heidi Smith, TJHSST's Driver's Education Teacher, at hesmith@fcps.edu