

DRIVER'S LICENSE

Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TAADRA)

TAADRA is a graduated driver's license program for young drivers ages 15 to 18. It was established in Georgia by a collaborative effort of highway safety advocates, legislators, law enforcement officials, educators, businesses and media in the wake of a high number of fatal vehicle crashes involving young, inexperienced drivers.

TAADRA requires certain standards be met before a student may obtain a driver's license. Students must have a notarized Certificate of Attendance from the school that they attend in order to obtain a learner's permit or driver's license. ***Students must sign up with the guidance office one day in advance of needing their certificate of attendance and must be picked up the following school day after third lunch.*** For summer birthdays (June, July and August-before school starts), a student should request the form before the last day of May and the form will be valid until school begins in August. A \$5.00 fee will be assessed for each additional copy of the Certificate of Attendance.

Certificate of Attendance eligibility:

In order to receive a certificate of attendance for a driver's license a student must be enrolled in and not under expulsion from a public or private school and

1. Has not dropped out of school without graduating and remained out of school for ten consecutive school days.
2. Has not had ten or more school days of unexcused absences in the current academic year and ten or more school days of unexcused absences in the previous academic year.
3. Has not been found in violation by a hearing officer, panel, or tribunal of one of the following offenses, or has waived his or her right to a hearing and pleaded guilty to one of the following offenses:
 - Threatening, striking, or causing bodily harm to a teacher or other school personnel.
 - Possession or use of a weapon on school property or at a school sponsored event.
 - Any sexual offense prohibited under Chapter 6 of Title 16.
 - Causing substantial physical or visible bodily harm to or seriously disfiguring another person, including another student.
 - Possession or sale of drugs or alcohol on school property or at a school sponsored event.

Any infraction of the above conduct offenses will be a one-year suspension of driver's license, or the minor shall be suspended until his or her eighteenth birthday, whichever comes first.

Joshua's Law

In order for a student born after July 1, 1991 to obtain a driver's permit, the student must complete a driver's education course. If the course is not completed by age 16, the student must wait until age 17 to obtain a permit.

Temporary Driving Permit

A student can obtain a temporary driving permit from the **Department of Driver Services** to drive to and from work with a suspended license, if he or she has demonstrated the need for the permit. The permit would only be granted if the driver's license has been suspended for a school-related infraction or for dropping out of school. No temporary permit would be granted for a DUI offense.