

Parents who are interested in signing up their student for Driver's Ed will need to monitor the Cumberland County Driver's Education web page (see below) for information and online applications, and deadlines. The COVID pandemic **greatly** impacted how Cumberland County runs Driver's Education, and they are **no longer coordinating applications through individual schools**. They are still very behind in getting potential driving age students into the course, and applications of the oldest students have the greatest priority.

To avoid missing potential classes, parents should make a regular habit of checking the Driver's Ed web page to see when application windows open and close.

Key Points

- All sign-ups are handled completely online through the county.
- FCS receives NO notice of class dates, or when an application period starts and ends.
- Application periods are short, so ***check the website often.***
- There are usually two sessions each fall, spring, and summer; each with its own application period. Sessions are offered at most senior high schools in the county.
- FCS students are eligible to take DE at any Cumberland County school even if they reside in another county.
- Students who live in another county are also eligible to take DE in their county of residence.
- Once the course is complete, students/parents must request a Driver's Eligibility Certificate (DEC) from the FCS school office.
- Please allow at least two business days for the DEC process.
- The Driver's Education page and the NC DMV page have full information about Driver's Ed and licensing teen drivers (see below).
- There are a few private Driver's Ed options in our area that can be found via internet search; these may be an option if the county DE classes don't work for your student.

Cumberland County Driver's Ed:

<https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/Page/2632>

NC DMV teen licensing:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id/driver-licenses/new-drivers/Pages/teen-drivers.aspx>