

### Driver's Education Fee/Reduction or Waiver

The local board of education shall fund driver education courses from funds available to them and may charge each student participating in a driver education course a fee up to sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) to offset the cost of providing the training and instruction. Student will not be scheduled for the Behind the Wheel (BTW) 6 hours of driving until the fee is paid to the school.

If a parent(s)/student feels they are unable to pay the fee due to economic hardship and wish to ask for a fee waiver or reduction, the parent(s)/student may do so by requesting this in writing to the Transportation Director/Driver Education Director within the end of the 30-hour driver education classroom session. In all cases of hardship, written documented proof must be submitted.

An Economic Hardship Committee consisting of one representative from the school the student attends, the Principal/Assistant Principal from the school the student attends, the Driver Education Coordinator from the school district the student attends, and the Transportation Director/Driver Education Director will serve as the hardship committee. The deciding vote from this committee will be by majority. If it is determined that the fee be waived or reduced, the Driver Education Coordinator will contact the student to discuss the committee's decision. If it is determined that the request not be granted under condition of economic hardship, the parent has the right to file an appeal with the Wilkes County Board of Education. Only documentation presented to the Economic Hardship Committee will be reviewed by the Wilkes County Board of Education.

**Legal References:** House Bill 97, Section 8.39(b) G.S. 115-216(g)

