

# Driver's License Information\*

The Counselor's Office can provide the school enrollment and the ADAP form necessary for the application of a driving license in Georgia as far as school information is concerned. Ninth graders complete the ADAP portion of the requirement in Health/PE class.

## Joshua's Law

Joshua's Law is a bill that changes the requirements that teen drivers must meet in order to obtain a [Class D driver's license](#).

To get a Class D driver's license at age sixteen (16):

- You must have completed a driver education course approved by the Department of Driver Services and
- You also must have completed a cumulative total of at least forty (40) hours of other supervised driving experience, including at least six (6) hours at night.

If you have not completed an approved driver's education course, you cannot get your Class D driver's license until you reach age seventeen (17). Remember, forty (40) hour of driving experience, including six (6) hours of driving at night, is always required for a Class D driver's license.

## School Enrollment

Any applicant who is younger than 18 years of age must be enrolled in and not under expulsion from a public or private school.

Recent legislative changes have transitioned the reporting of Home School attendance from the local school boards to the Department of Education (DOE) Headquarters. In order to assist in this transition, DDS has begun accepting the Department of Education's "Declaration of Intent To Utilize a Home Study Program" (HSPDOI, DOI) as proof of attendance in a Home School program.

The "Declaration of Intent to Utilize a Home Study Program" form must indicate a 30 digit Department of Education number on the Signature Parent/Guardian line. The Date submitted is optional. This form is not a certified form.

## Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP)

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ADAP is an acronym that stands for Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program. In Georgia, teens under the age of 18 are required by law show proof that they have completed ADAP in order to obtain their Class D driver's license. The ADAP is administered by Briarwood Academy.



\*Some of this information was obtained from the state of Georgia on the Dept. of Driver's Services website.

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/teens/index.aspx>