

Proposed Revised Regulations Governing Driver Education

8VAC20-340-10. Driver education program.

In accordance with provisions of the National Highway Safety Act of 1966 (23 USC §401 et seq.) and §§22.1-205, 46.2-340, 46.2-334, and 46.2-335 of the Code of Virginia, ~~schools shall schedule a program of driver education for all eligible students. local school boards shall determine whether to offer a driver education program, and, if offered, whether it will be taught in lieu of 10th grade health education or as an elective course. Classroom and in-car driver education instruction shall be a standardized program of study established by the Board of Education in accordance with §22.1-205 of the Code of Virginia. Such program shall be outlined in a curriculum and administrative guide for driver education in Virginia.~~ The program shall consist of 36 periods of classroom instruction and 14 periods of in-car instruction, which shall include seven periods of actual driving, and seven periods of observation time. ~~The classroom instruction should be offered during the 10th grade. School divisions may offer alternative programs. These shall be developed in accordance with procedures outlined in the Curriculum Guide for Driver Education in Virginia.~~ Students must drive a minimum of 50 miles and a maximum of 150 miles during the in-car phase of instruction.

Statutory Authority:

§§22.1-16, 22.1-205, 46.2-340, 46.2-334, and 46.2-335 of the Code of Virginia.