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VOLUSIA COUNTY PUBIC SCHOOLS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS BENEFIT
FROM NEW ONLINE

DRIVERS' EDUCATION COURSE

Daytona Beach, Fla., July 2, 2009—Parents and students now have a convenient online program that will satisfy their mandatory requirement for passing the drug and alcohol test (D.A.T.A) to secure their restricted drivers license and provide a revenue source for the Volusia County School System.

“By logging onto www.volusia.amersc.com, students can easily access and take this mandatory course”, said Bill Poniatoski Jr., Program Specialist, Physical Education, Health, Driver Traffic Safety & Athletics. The First-Time Driver course has been approved by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle. “The four-hour course costs only \$35 and a portion of this revenue goes to the school system to help replace the revenue loss due to the state budget cuts”, said Poniatoski.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety requires that first-time drivers applying for their learner’s permit take the four-hour D.A.T.A. course, which educates the student on the effects of alcohol and other drugs on the driving task and other basic Florida traffic law.

“The course may be taken by students as young as 14 years old who are aiming to apply for their learner’s permit on, or after their fifteenth birthday” said Poniatoski. Once student register at www.volusia.amersc.com, they will have up to 90 days to complete the course and take the final exam online. Results of the exam are automatically submitted to the state’s database and students will receive a course completion certificate to take to the local Department of Motor Vehicle when applying for their learners’, said Poniatoski. The Volusia County School District includes 9 high schools and has currently more than 10,000 students who are eligible for this course.

