**Dixie Hollins High School Driver Education Department**

Textbook: **Drive Right – Revised 10th Edition**

The Driver Education Staff is pleased to have your young adult enrolled in its current program. We will attempt to prepare your son/daughter to be a safe and efficient defensive driver. One who is capable of adequately participating in today’s complex traffic society. However, with limited time available we strongly encourage you to give your child as much at-home driving time as possible.

This school year will be a huge challenge because of the reduced resources and the changes in the schedule. We have been reduced from 8 cars for the range to 2 cars that will limit some of your driving. We have restructured our curriculum to create as much driving as possible.

Those students entering the class without a restricted license will be given the **Traffic Law & Substance Abuse Education** program during the first week to meet the state requirements. At the end of the week, those students passing this program will be awarded waivers to secure their restricted license. They will have three days to complete this task. Those students not passing the **TLSAE** requirement, or failing to secure their restricted license will be dropped from the course.

The students will be exposed to a classroom and range driving. The students with a grade of “D”, or higher will receive a ½ credit toward graduation, and certificate of course completion for insurance purposes. In addition, if the student passes the Range Skill Test, he/she will be eligible to take the State Road test and possibly receive a waiver.

In order to earn a “Florida Operators License Waiver” from the Department of Motor Vehicles each student must perform “C” level or higher for Classroom work and the Range skills test. Pass the State of Florida Division of Motor Vehicle Road Test and must show sufficient skill and decision making to successfully navigate in today’s complex traffic requirements. In addition the student must show a desired **“Positive Attitude”**.

In as much as we place a large amount of “trust” and “responsibility” on each student, we demand cooperation and respect not only for the instructors, but also for each of our $20,000.00 automobiles. If a student loses that trust and responsibility, we will have no choice but to remove that student from the range phase of our program. The liability factor that accompanies our program is too great a risk. The removal from the range program will result in failure of the course.

The Department of Motor Vehicles office has the privilege of road testing any student as a spot check when they go to turn in their license waiver.

The Driver Education grading scale is as follows: A: 100-90, B: 89-80, C: 79-70, D: 69-60, F: 59-0
Once the first week of testing is complete the students will receive classroom assignments and homework assignments for a designated number of points and you may be asked to participate in some of the homework assignments. Chapter tests will be worth 25 points along with 2 homework assignments worth 20 points each. Also, extra credit may be gained by summarizing our videos.

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Student Name (Print)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_