

## Information Regarding the Driver's Education Program

### Online Program offered by VADETS

The Virginia Department of Education has approved an online Driver Education program that can be taken by cadets as a step toward obtain their driver's license. This program, offered by the Virginia Association of Driver Education and Traffic Safety (VADETS), is available to cadets who are at least 15 years of age.

Note: If your son is NOT a Virginia resident, you will need to check to see if your home state DMV will accept the Virginia online course before you register him.

To register your son for this online course, go to [vadriveredu.org](http://vadriveredu.org). Upon registering, a user ID and password will be assigned. Click on *Permission form for Private Schooled Students* to access the appropriate form. Print the form and submit the signed copy to the Counseling Department for the signature of a school designee. The school will forward the form to VADETS. There is a \$109 fee for this course, which can be paid on the website.

The course involves a series of modules that need to be completed within a 6 month time frame. A score of 85 or better at the end of the course will enable your son to be eligible for Behind-the-Wheel training.

### Behind-the-Wheel Training offered by the Fork Union Driving Academy

Behind-the-Wheel training is available through the Fork Union Driving Academy, with week-long sessions held during the course of the year. The cost of this training is \$295. To be eligible for this program, a cadet:

- Must be at least fifteen years, six months old
- Must pass an online Driver Education course (e.g. VADETS program)
- Must possess a Virginia Learner's Permit.

Note: Students must hold a Learner's Permit for a minimum of nine months before being eligible to drive alone. During this time, they must complete 45 hours of practice driving with a licensed driver. Thirty hours are to be daytime driving hours; fifteen hours are to be completed after dark.

A road test at the end of the training, if passed, will result in a Provisional Driver's License.

Cadets taking Behind-the-Wheel will be picked up from the Academy at an appointed time by an instructor of the Fork Union Driving Academy and returned at the end of the session. Cadets do not miss class time for their driving lessons.

For more information regarding the Fork Union Driving Academy, call 434-842-1717.

For questions regarding either of these programs, contact Ms. Rhonda White in the Counseling Department at 434-842-4203 or by email at [whiter@fuma.org](mailto:whiter@fuma.org).