In compliance with Alabama Code 16-28-40, the Dale County Board of Education endorses the Alabama Department of Public Safety requirement of regular school attendance as a prerequisite for obtaining a driver’s license or a learner’s permit to operate a motor vehicle.

I. Requirements

School officials will verify enrollment status by completing Part I of the Student Enrollment/Exclusion Status form. Students who are age 16 - 19 who drop out of school will be reported to the Department of Public Safety, and their driver's license will be subject to revocation. The driver's license or learner's permit of any enrolled student who accumulates 10 or more consecutive absences or 15 or more cumulative unexcused absences in a given semester will be reported and will be subject to revocation.

II. Exemptions

Students who are suspended or expelled from school or imprisoned do not qualify for an exemption. However, students who are exempt from attending public school due to circumstances beyond the control of the student, as set out in Alabama Code 16-28-6, are exempt from the application of this policy. The superintendent or his/her designee is the sole judge of whether or not the evidence presented satisfies legal requirements for exemption.

Exemptions are allowed for:

A. Students unable to attend school due to mental or physical limitations.

B. Students who are gainfully employed under the provisions of the Child Labor Laws.

C. Students who lack transportation and live beyond a two mile radius from the school.

D. Students enrolled in a General Educational Development Program.

E. Students who are participating in a job training program approved by the state superintendent.

F. Students who are parents with custody of a minor or unborn child.

G. Students who have a certified statement from a physician stating that for medical reasons their parents depend on them as their sole source of transportation.
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III. Appeal Process

The appeal of a decision regarding the enrollment status of a student shall be submitted to the local school. To appeal, the student shall submit to the school principal, within five (5) days of the issuance of enrollment status, written notification of intent to appeal, including a statement of reasons for the appeal. Except as otherwise provided herein, the appeal process shall follow the procedures stated in Dale County School System Student Attendance Policy.

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