Purpose: To establish the board's vision for driver training instruction.

The state mandates that every secondary school offer a complete program of driver education on an elective basis for eligible students. The district offers driver training as an elective subject in its high schools. The course is open to students whose physical and mental condition gives reasonable promise of their ability to fulfill the requirements for a driver's license. Each student must have valid driver's permit in order to participate in the driving portion of the driver's education program.

The district course meets the requirements outlined by the South Carolina State Department of Education. The instructor is certified according to South Carolina State Department of Education standards.

Note: The South Carolina General Assembly has enacted a one-year budget proviso that suspends the requirement that high schools offer driver education courses.

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Legal references:

A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

B. State Board of Education Regulations:
   1. R43-242 - Driver training.
   2. R43-234 - Defined program, grades 9-12.

C. Temporary State Budget Proviso, 2017-2018:
   1. 1.42 (SDE: High School Driver Education) For the current fiscal year, the requirement for high schools to provide a course in driver education is suspended; however, high schools may continue to offer driver education courses if they choose to do so.

S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
Section 59-39-310, et seq. - Mandatory driver education and training
State Board of Education Regulations:
R-43-242 - Driver training.