

HIGH SCHOOL CDL GUIDELINES

High school students are eligible to complete the Commercial Driver's License program free of tuition qualifying under the SB155 bill through the state. There are two courses that are required for a student to attain their Commercial Driver's License. Please read through the qualifications and regulations below for each course.

CDL 105 – Entry Level Driver Training

- Online 5-week course that can be completed at the student's pace.
- The student must be 18 years of age by the time the CDL 105 course is completed.
- Students are able to get their CDL learners permit before or after taking this course although keep in mind the learners permit is only valid for 6 months and they have to be 18 years old to test for their permit at the DMV.
- This course is offered during the Fall and Spring semester. We hold three different sessions each semester.

CDL 115 – Drive Training Course

- This course is a two-week in person drive training course Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:30pm. We offer it on both our Beloit and Hays campus.
- Students cannot be enrolled into this course until they have successfully completed CDL 105 and attained their learners permit.
- Students are able to drive during the school year, if time allows them too.
- If students want to take this course during the summer I would need proof of the students permit along with successfully completing CDL 105 BEFORE they graduate high school to get enrolled into the course for free.
- We only have a certain amount of availability for drive time during the summer due to
 the class capacity. Slots fill up quickly, so some high school students may not get to drive
 during the summer and may have to wait till early fall. We cannot guarantee a drive
 time during summer availability.
- DOT physical & drug/alcohol screen required before the 1st day of class.

How to apply:

Contact Allie Cassity at 785-623-6173 or acassity@fhtechnc.edu to receive an application for CDL enrollment.



FAQ:

What happens if students complete CDL 105, but do not attain their learner's permit before graduation?

If students do not attain their learner's permit before graduating high school, they will have to pay for the CDL 115 on their own. We are unable to enroll students into the CDL 115 course after students have graduated high school.

What if the student turns 18 years old after graduation?

Unfortunately, with the students who turn 18 after graduation will not be eligible to qualify for the CDL 115 for free tuition. They can take the CDL 105 course for free before they graduate, but will have to pay for the CDL 115 course.

What if a student has successfully completed CDL 105 and received their learner's permit. What do they do next?

They need to contact Allie Cassity immediately after they receive their permit once they have completed CDL 105 so we can get the student on the schedule to drive as soon as possible.

What if summer availability drive time is full?

Students will be scheduled to drive the next available time slot in the Fall semester.