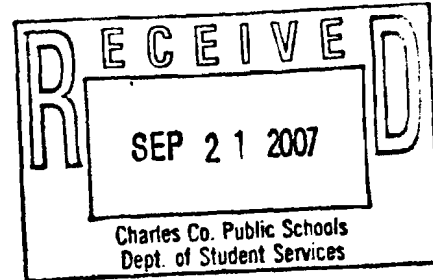


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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Local Superintendents  
**FROM:** Nancy S. Grasmick *NG*  
State Superintendent of Schools  
**DATE:** September 14, 2007



**SUBJECT: New Requirements for Obtaining a Maryland Learner's Permit**

During the 2007 Session of the Maryland General Assembly, Senate Bill 519-Truancy-Prohibition Against Issuance of Learner's Instructional Permit was passed and becomes effective October 1, 2007. This law requires all applicants **under the age of 16** to demonstrate a minimum level of acceptable school attendance (not more than 10 unexcused absences) in the prior school semester before a Learner's Instructional Permit is granted by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). This change affects all public, private and home-schooled students.

Students must submit a completed Maryland MVA Learner's Permit School Attendance Certification form (DL-300) during the application process at the MVA. This form must be completed by a school official or the appropriate home-schooling coordinator within the applicant's jurisdiction. In the case of home-schooled students, the form must simply certify that the student was home-schooled during the prior school semester.

The student or parent/guardian will complete the top portion of the DL-300 form and submit the form to the local school for verification of the accuracy of information and certification of attendance. The DL-300 form can be obtained on the MVA website [www.marylandmva.com](http://www.marylandmva.com). There is also a link to this website on the Maryland State Department of Education's website <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/msde>.

The local school will certify the attendance on the form and affix the name and title of the person certifying the information and stamp the form with the OFFICIAL school stamp in the space provided. The form must then be placed in a sealed school envelope with the same school stamp or seal crossing over the flap in a similar manner that many schools use when sending transcripts or school records when they are hand-carried by the family. The applicant must present the sealed envelop to an MVA official during the time of the learner's permit application process. The certification will be null and void if the seal is tampered with or broken on the envelope. If you have questions, please contact Mr. John McGinnis, (410) 767-0295 or Mr. Michael Linkins, (410) 767-0769.

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