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Dear Parents,

The State of New Jersey has made several changes to the Graduated Drivers License (GDL). These changes go into effect on May 1st and apply to all teens (16-20 years of age) holding a permit or provisional license under New Jersey's Graduated Driver License (GDL) Law. There will be NO grandfathering of existing permit and provisional license holders and regardless of how much time a GDL holder has remaining on her or his permit or provisional license, they must abide by these requirements beginning May 1.

Highlights:

- May not be on the road between 11:01 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- May transport only one passenger in the vehicle besides his or her dependents.
(Note: If a parent or guardian is in the vehicle, the passenger restriction is waived and the teen may transport as many passengers as there are seat belts.)
- May not use a cell phone (hand-held or hands-free), Ipod or other wireless electronic device.
(Note: GPS systems — portable or built-in — and Ipods connected to a vehicle's sound system are permitted, but a teen should not make any adjustments to these devices while driving.)
- Must ensure that all vehicle occupants are properly restrained in child safety seats or seat belts.
- Must display a decal on the front and rear license plate.
- May not plea bargain any point-carrying offenses.

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission is charged with designing and distributing the decal, which must be displayed on a vehicle's front and rear license plate when a permit or provisional license holder under 21 years of age is driving.

The decal:

- Will be affixed with a velcro system to allow for its removal when the GDL holder is not behind the wheel.
- Will be reflectorized so that it can be seen at night.
- Will be non-descript. (It is intended for enforcement purposes).
- \$4 per pair at MVC agencies.

In addition, the designation 'Provisional License' will be changed to 'Probationary License' on documents issued after May 1st. Also, please be aware that after the provisional/probationary period the driver must go to the DMV to get their license changed.

This and other helpful information can be found on www.njdrivereducation.com. There is also a PDF pamphlet with more information posted on the GLHS website.

Please drive carefully,

GLHS Physical Education and Health Teaching Staff