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## **TAP NUMBER: FY 2003-2** **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** District School Superintendents

**From:** Betty Coxe *BC*

**Date:** August 14, 2002

**Subject:** **REVISIONS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF ATTENDANCE  
REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS TO MAINTAIN THEIR DRIVING  
PRIVILEGE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PAPER**

The attached Technical Assistance Paper (TAP) provides information regarding changes to previously published policies and new interpretations of policy to school personnel implementing the attendance-related driver license requirements. This TAP replaces the previous Technical Assistance Paper FY 2001-5, dated January 2001.

Pursuant to Section 232.19, Florida Statutes, the superintendent must report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) the names, birthdates, gender, and social security numbers of students between the ages of 14 and 18 who accumulate 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days, or who withdraw from school with a withdrawal code that is calculated in the dropout rate. The legislation further provides that those minors who fail to satisfy attendance requirements will be ineligible for driving privileges.

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Staff from the Department of Education and Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has collaborated in the development and implementation of this program. If you have questions or need additional information regarding the implementation of this program, please contact Rich Downs via email at [rdowns@tempest.coedu.usf.edu](mailto:rdowns@tempest.coedu.usf.edu) or by telephone at (850) 922-3727. If you have questions regarding reporting or reinstatement procedures, please contact Donald Klein via email at [klein.donald@hsmv.state.fl.us](mailto:klein.donald@hsmv.state.fl.us) or by telephone at (850) 488-3288.

Thank you for your continual support and commitment to the implementation of this program.

BC:mjbo

Attachment

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Dropout Prevention Coordinators  
School District MIS Contacts  
School District Data Processing Directors  
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