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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Superintendents

**FROM:** Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

**DATE:** August 30, 2006

**SUBJECT: DRIVER LICENSE/SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROGRAM REPORTS, 2005-2006**

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**K12: 2006- 123**

In the Department of Education's continued effort to improve student attendance and to improve student rates of learning, please find attached a copy of the report from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) for the fourth quarter of 2005-2006. This report now includes manual additions and deletions by Department personnel. The names of students transmitted to the DHSMV will be mailed under separate cover to your district's Director of Student Services. Our staff reviewed and compiled the information into a state summary that reflects transactions processed for school districts from April 1, 2006, through June 20, 2006 (*Attachment 1*).

For the fourth quarter of the school year 2005-2006:

- 3,567 Students received Notices of Intent to Suspend Driving Privileges
- 2,951 Notices of Intent to Suspend Driving Privileges were deleted
- 8,694 Non-Licensed drivers received notices that they were not eligible to apply and receive driver licenses
- 5,281 Non-Licensed/Non-Compliance Orders were deleted
- 4,141 Suspension Orders were issued
- 3,123 Suspension Orders were cleared or deleted
- 118 Students who reinstated their driving privilege received second suspension

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We have also compiled the 2005-2006 yearly report for each school district to review (*Attachment 2*). DHSMV reports that during the 2005-2006 school year:

- 11,652 Students received Notices of Intent to Suspend Driving Privileges
- 14,883 Notices of Intent to Suspend Driving Privileges were deleted
- 32,249 Non-Licensed drivers received notices that they were not eligible to apply and receive driver licenses
- 33,661 Non-Licensed/Non-Compliance Orders were deleted
- 10,790 Suspension Orders were issued
- 11,235 Suspension Orders were cleared or deleted
- 457 Students who reinstated their driving privilege received second suspension

The Technical Assistance Paper on Implementation of Attendance Requirements for Minors to Maintain Their Driving Privilege directs school districts to transmit student data to DHSMV at least once a week. Implementation of these requirements can improve district dropout and attendance rates. Data revealed that only five percent of students who had their driver licenses suspended for excessive absences received a second suspension. Therefore, 95 percent of students who received a first suspension were never issued a second suspension for non-compliance with school attendance requirements.

If you have questions regarding your data, please contact Donald Klein, DHSMV, at (850) 617-3811. If you have questions concerning policies and procedures relating to the implementation of the driver license/school attendance program requirements, please refer to the Technical Assistance Paper on Implementation of Attendance Requirements for Minors to Maintain Their Driving Privilege located at [www.firn.edu/doe/bin00014/tap-home.htm](http://www.firn.edu/doe/bin00014/tap-home.htm); or contact Rich Downs via e-mail at [rdowns@tempest.coedu.usf.edu](mailto:rdowns@tempest.coedu.usf.edu) or by telephone at (850) 922-3732, or SunCom 292-3732.

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#### Attachments

cc: District Student Services Directors  
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Attendance Supervisors  
Guidance Supervisors  
Dropout Prevention Coordinators  
School District MIS Contacts  
Data Processing Directors  
Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles