

District 5 requires students to take Alive at 25 course

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ANDERSON — Anderson County School District 5 will require all students who wish to park on either of their high school campuses to complete a safe-driving course.

The Anderson-based school district will require any student who wishes to drive on either T. L. Hanna High School or Westside High School's campus to complete the [Alive at 25](#) training program before purchasing a \$12 parking sticker for either school.

The 4½-hour program, taught by former South Carolina Highway Patrol officers, teaches students about the dangers of speeding, using a cell phone while driving and driving while intoxicated, as well as how to drive defensively.

Several sessions of the course will be offered. The first course, on June 4, will be free to the first 125 students who register from each school. After the first course, students will be charged \$35. Financial assistance is available for students who can't afford the fee, by calling the South Carolina chapter of the National Safety Council at (803) 732-6778.

"The cost to our students was a concern as we discussed this new program with our trustees," said District 5 Superintendent Betty Bagley. "However, it is clear that this training saves lives, and we feel that far outweighs the monetary cost, which is less than a tank of gas."

Registration forms for the June 4 session were sent home with students on Monday. Registration for all other sessions can be handled online at www.scaliveat25.org or by calling (803) 732-6778.

Williamston-based Anderson School District 1, Honea Path-based Anderson School District 2 and Pendleton-based Anderson School District 4 also require students to pass the Alive at 25 program in order to park and drive on their high school campuses. Officials with Iva-based Anderson School District 3 said they do not require students to complete the program as of now, but are looking into the program.