

## DUI Simulator at Pikeview High School



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MERCER COUNTY (WVVA) The West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration was at Pikeview High School on Wednesday showcasing their DUI simulator.

"As soon as the blood alcohol level goes up, you can defiantly tell. Everything starts to get blurry. You start to get a little dizzy," said Santana Conner, a senior at Pikeview High School.

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Students at Pikeview high school tried the West Virginia ABC's DUI simulator out on Wednesday.

As students drive the simulator, the simulated blood alcohol content rises. As the blood alcohol content goes up, the computer software causes the driver to have problems steering vehicle and reduces visibility.

"Whenever it gets to .06 or .08 it gets really hard to drive. It feels like you have no control of the car whatsoever," said Conner.

The Simulator is designed to educate youth on the effects of drinking and distracted driving. Funding for the simulator comes from a partnership between the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program and State Farm. The National Alcohol Beverage Control Association is also a sponsor.

Some kids say it's like a video game and try to beat it.

"Just like real life, it's impossible, but they think they can do it, just like a regular drunk driver," said Daniel Pickens with the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Association.

The ABC Association also made presentations to students in the classroom while they were on campus.