

# Course Requirements for Driver Education

**Instructor: Aaron Brien**

## **Time Requirements:**

- Students must have 25 contact days each and a total of 60 hours of instruction (combined Classroom and Behind-the-Wheel). Absences do not count as contact. To accomplish this time requirement, this class will be broken down as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r} 42 \text{ Hours of Classroom Instruction} \\ + 6 \text{ Hours of Driving time (12 drives at a half hour each)} \\ + 12 \text{ Hours of Observation time} \\ \hline 60 \text{ HOURS of TOTAL INSTRUCTION} \end{array}$$

## **Classroom Manners:**

- You are expected to be in your seats by the start time of each day we have class.
- No food or drink in the classroom - water bottles are the only exception.
- Any classroom disruptions or rude behaviors are grounds for that days' dismissal which will be counted as a full day absence, even if it is close to dismissal that day. **This includes using cell phones during class time.**
- **Cell phones are to be turned off during class. NO TEXTING!**
- There should be no other classes' work being done during driver's ed class time, unless individual permission is given.

## **Absences:**

- There are NO excused absences! All absences will require make-up work that is time equivalent.
- A total of 4 ½ hours is the total amount of time that can be missed from the classroom due to tardies or absences. Any more missed time will result in being dismissed from the program. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
- A 3 page summary (minimum) will be required for an absence. This summary is to be written in your own words (Plagiarism is grounds for dismissal from class).
- Make up work must be turned in 3 days following your return to class or your driving time may be cancelled.
- Failure to show up for 2 scheduled drives will result in dismissal from Driver's Education.
- Each "NO SHOW" will carry a penalty of 1 ½ hours of observation.

## **Classroom Requirements:**

- Chapter quiz scores of 80% or better is passing (20 out of 25).
- Quiz scores below 80% will have to complete a 3 page summary on the Chapter we just tested on.
- Missed quizzes need to be made up.
- All make-up work must be completed in order to pass the course.

**STUDENTS NEED AN AVERAGE OF 70% ON ALL QUIZZES WHEN ADDED UP AT THE END OF THE COURSE IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR CDTP DRIVING WAIVER OPTION.**

### 3 STRIKES RULE:

#### STUDENTS WILL ACQUIRE STRIKES AGAINST THEM IF ANY OR ALL APPLY:

1. **Unexcused absence.**
2. **Unexcused tardy.**
3. **Not bringing BTW booklet with them on the drive.**
4. **Cell phone violation in the classroom or the car.**
5. **Not showing up for a drive. (Doing this twice will result in being dismissed from the course)**
6. **Not turning in chapter outline when it is due.**
7. **Falling asleep in the car when you should be observing.**

#### Behind-the-Wheel Notebook:

- A notebook is provided to you with all 12 drives outlined as to what is expected of you.
- **You must bring your booklet with you on your drives so that I can write comments in it.**
- Your parents should review what it is you are working on and how you are doing. They should also initial the completed drive.

#### Driving:

- The drivers ed car is an extension of the classroom – no food or beverage except bottled water.
- You will have twelve 1½ hour drive times – ½ hour behind the wheel and 1 hour observation time in the back seat.
- No sound devices allowed such as iPods, MP3's, cell phones, etc... **NO TEXT MESSAGING!**
- No sleeping!! Sleep time does not count as observation time!
- Students must remain attentive and respectful to the driver and occupants of the vehicle.
- Showing up under the influence of drugs or alcohol is grounds for dismissal from the program.
- We must have at least two people to drive in any assigned group. We cannot and will not drive with only one driver!
- If you cannot make your assigned drive time, it will be your responsibility to trade with another class member. You must also notify me of this change and the reason for your missing the original time.
- If you miss a drive time:
  1. **Notify me ASAP** by phone of the miss.
  2. Bring a written reason for the miss for the next time I see you.
  3. You must spend **1½ hours extra** in make-up which could be riding as the 3<sup>rd</sup> observer in the middle of the back seat of the drivers ed car. (You will need to come to extra drives and the time will not count towards the required 12 hours observation time.)
  4. Depending on the reason for the absence – an additional report or assignment may be given.
- If you should neglect your responsibility of attending scheduled drives twice, without informing me personally, and not finding someone to take your drive, it will be assumed that you no longer wish to complete the class and you will be dropped.

If you need to contact me outside of class time, you can

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**IN ORDER TO PASS DRIVER'S TRAINING, YOU MUST COMPLETE BOTH:**

**THE CLASSROOM AND THE DRIVING EXPERIENCE.**

I have read the above guidelines and understand the importance of them.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Student)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Student)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or Guardian)

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