

# Driver Education

## Questions and Answers to the Class Details

Q: As a parent or guardian of a potential student enrolling in Driver Education, I want to learn more about this class and life skill. What is the best way to do that?

A: The best way to learn more about our program and to get answers to questions as they relate to Driver Education is to attend Open House or Parent Night. This evening is open to any person who may be interested in enrolling a student into our class. Parent Night is held during "Open House" when parents are visiting their student's classes and teachers here on campus. We are located in Smith Hall, room 504 and look forward to meeting with any interested parent or guardian or anyone else who may have questions related to our program.

Q: What time is the classroom portion of this class?

A: Class time is from 7:00 AM until the first bell, 7:45ish. Students then go to their first block class.

Q: Where do we meet for class?

A: Classes are held in Smith Hall, room 504.... the Health and Driver Education classroom.

Q: When do I have to be in class?

A: Classes are held on school days ONLY. When you're on campus for school anyway.

\*We DO NOT meet on teacher workshop days, delays, cancelations or vacations.

\*Students are expected to attend all classes.

\*Per state law, student cannot miss more than four (4) hours of class. NO EXCEPTIONS!

\*Tardiness to class counts toward the total class time missed.

\*Any and missed class time due to delays and or snow days will be rescheduled.

\*Rescheduled classes are held on Fridays in the same location and at the same time as regular class.

Q: I'm on a school team, Forestry, Band, Drama, Math team..... can I still take Driver Education?

A: YES, our goal is to accommodate those involved in athletics, extra and co-curricular activities.

Q: When do I drive?

A: That's up to you.....driving and observation times are scheduled by you, the student.

\*Driving is a life skill .....one you'll need to make time to practice.

\*You'll schedule driving and observation during the class you're enroll in (fall, winter, spring, summer)

\*This allows students to schedule around games, practices or other school activities.

\*You only need to schedule ten (10) lessons in the class you've enrolled in

\*You'll drive for one (1) hour and observe for the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) hour.

\*Your goal is to drive twice per week and observe twice per week.

\*Per state law, you cannot exceed two (2) hours of driving per week.

\*All driving and observation MUST be finished before the last day of class.

Q: Where do I drive?

A: We drive specific routes planned to target specific driving environments.

\*Each lesson you'll be exposed to a new driving environment to learn new driving skills.

\*You should continue to practice driving in these kinds of environments to master the skill of driving.

Q: What if school is let out early due to bad weather, etc. and I'm scheduled to drive or observe that day?

A: If after school activities are cancelled, that includes driving and or observation. We will reschedule your time.

Q: What if it's snowing?

A: We drive! ☺ We're lucky to live in New England and driving is a life skill. We will drive in snow, but NOT ice.

\*The goal is to expose you to as many driving environments as possible with controlled risk.

Q Do I need anything specific for my driving or observation?

A: NO. Our lessons, both driving and observation are an extension of the school day. This means:

\*All school rules apply to include dress code. DO NOT come to lessons in your pajamas or slippers.

\*Shoes MUST have a back or strap to keep your foot from sliding out of the shoe.

\*If you wear corrective lenses or contacts you MUST bring those with you to drive, but not observe.

Q: Will I get a license when I'm done the class?

A: Possibly, many do, but NOT all will. Driving is a life skill and will depend on you. You MUST remember this is an introduction to the skill of driving. Success or failure will be based on the time and effort put into practicing driving techniques taught in your lessons. This will NOT guarantee you'll pass the states licensing exam. We will introduce you to the skills needed to master driving so that you'll be a safe and competent driver in the State of New Hampshire or any other state you may choose to drive in once licensed. ONLY with constant and consistent practice of correct driving techniques will you master the skill of safe driving.