

# Driver Education

## Questions and Answers to the Class Details

Q: What time is class?

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

Q: Where do we meet for class?

A: Classes are held in room 504 of Smith Hall, it's 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, cancellations 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, not to exceed 4 hours.

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.

\*You'll schedule drive/observation times for the class time frame you've enrolled in.

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

\*You only need to schedule ten (10) lessons in the forty (40) class days.

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

\*Your goal should be to drive twice per week.

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

\*All driving and observation time should 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 and new driving skill sets/tasks.

\*You should continue to practice driving in these environments to master this life skill.

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 ALL after school activities are cancelled, that would include driving and or observation.

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: Lessons, 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 pajamas or slippers.

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

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 driving exam. We will introduce a skill set needed to master driving so you'll become a safe and competent driver. ONLY with consistent practice of correct techniques will you master the skill of driving.