

# Driver Education

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The Driver Education course is designed not only to develop a student's fundamental driving skills and essential driving knowledge, but also to instill proper attitudes, efficient driving habits, and an awareness of moral and legal responsibilities of driving that are vital for a safe highway system. The ultimate goal of Driver Education should be to significantly reduce the number of motor vehicle collisions, which in turn will curtail fatalities and injuries.

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Length: 1 Period

Class Length: 1 Semester

College Credit: No

Grade: Open to students who are at least sophomores and 15 years of age.

Prerequisite: Valid permit (this is acquired at the beginning of the course). Enrollment in this course is limited, with older students given first priority to enroll. The grade will not be included in grade point averages.

The School Code requires a student to successfully complete eight courses in the previous two semesters to be eligible for enrollment in Driver Education. Any course that a student receives credit for will be considered in this total.

Each student meets the Illinois Secretary of State requirements by receiving six hours of "behind-the-wheel" driving experience through supervised driving practice. Each student receives at least 30 hours of classroom instruction. Driver Education is a completely integrated course with one final grade. The school and the state requirements are met by completing the Driver Education course.

In order to acquire maximum efficiency in driving skills and to meet the requirements for an Illinois driver's license, students are required to practice 50 hours outside of the class while they are enrolled in this course. The final grade is determined by driving skill performance, quizzes, final test, film, tests, trip planning, special internet projects, workbook, and textbook assignments.

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students receive approval to obtain a license through the Illinois State Board of Education and the office of the Secretary of State. They should take a valid permit and other forms of identification to the Secretary of State's Driver Testing Facility to take the driver's license test. Students who receive an A or B in the classroom and behind the wheel phases of the course may have the opportunity to take their driver's license test at their respective schools. Parents will be notified by the school of the students' grades and performance at the end of the course.

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