

Driver Education

Credit – ¼

Term(s) – 1 Quarter

Text: Drive Right; Tenth Edition

Prerequisites: Pass 8 classes on previous two semesters

Course Description:

The classroom phase places emphasis on traffic safety, traffic laws, natural laws affecting car and driver, physical and emotional qualities of the driver, traffic, and highway engineering, law enforcement, insurance, safe car design, defensive driving techniques, emergency procedures, and motorcycle/railroad/school bus safety rules. Concurrent with the classroom phase each student will drive every other day. The behind-the-wheel phase includes operational skills, defensive driving techniques, and visual perception procedures. Students will be prepared to pass the Illinois Driver license exam when the course is completed.

Course Content:

1. Seat belts and Air Bags
2. Traffic Rules (Rules of the Road)
3. Driving Emergencies
4. Insurance
5. Drugs/Alcohol
6. Emotions & Attitudes
7. Physical Laws
8. Interacting with Cycles, Trains, Buses
9. Car Maintenance

Course Format:

Classroom: Extensive use is made of visual aids including transparencies, movies, videotape cassettes, audio tapes, and classroom displays.

Lecture-discussion is also extensively used with worksheets and other hand-outs used as reinforcement tools.

Laboratory: A procedure manual and official Parent Teen Workbook and Driving log is provided to students. The manual details practice driving events.

Course Expectations:

Each phase is graded separately. Passing grade required for each phase.

Illinois Office of Education requires a minimum attendance of 30 clock hours of class meetings and a minimum of 360 minutes driving time for each student.

Certificate of Completion issued by I.O.E. to passing students is needed to get Driver's License prior to age 18.

Grades:

Classroom: Pre-Tests are used with notebook assignments. Unit Tests are given upon completion of each unit. Special projects throughout course. Final Exam given at the end of the class.

B.T.W.: Ongoing informal feedback. Midterm driving evaluation given and a Final Review given to meet the needs of the State Driver License testing program.

Course Objectives:

The student will have gathered a sufficient body of knowledge relating to the operation of the Highway Transportation System to permit the student to both understand his or her responsibilities as part of the system, and perform in a responsible manner as part of the system.

The student will have acquired a sufficient body of the manipulative skills necessary for reasonably safe and reasonably efficient operation of a motor vehicle within the Highway Transportation System.