

Driver Education Course Description:

Driver's Education is scheduled for students during their sophomore year. The course runs for an entire Marking Period. The class meets on every other day. The New Jersey Driver Manual supplied by the state of New Jersey is frequently referred to during the class. The objective of the course is to prepare the students for the state exam and to promote Defensive Driving Habits. The students are graded in several areas.

Class Participation, Writing Activities, Group Worksheets, Group Discussion, Oral Presentations, and a Final Exam.

The Final Exam is given at the end of the Marking Period. It is known as the Motor Vehicle Commission's Written Knowledge Exam. To earn a passing grade on the test, a student must score 80% or better. The Knowledge Exam is also offered at the Motor Vehicle Commission in Randolph for those students who do not earn at least an 80%.

Passing the Knowledge Exam is the first step in the process of getting the Student Learner's Permit. The next step is enrolling in a state approved Driving School for driving lessons. The student must be 16 years old to start the driving lessons. (16 year old students must enroll in a driving school to get their permit, 17 year old students do not need to enroll with a driving school, it is optional) Once the student completes the lessons, the Driving School will give the student their permit. Driving Schools range in price. There are many reputable companies in the Morris County area.

Driver Education Curriculum

A. Road Signs, Traffic Lights, and Roadway Markings

- 1-Colors
- 2-Classifications
- 3-Shapes

B. Driver Safety and Rules

- 1-Seatbelts
- 2-Child Car seats
- 3-Turn Signals
- 4-Safe Following Distance
- 5-Parking Distances
- 6-Driving Distractions

C. Drinking, Drugs, and Driving

- 1-Signs of a Drunk Driver
- 2-Effects of Alcohol and Drugs on Driving Ability

- 3-Legal Limits
- 4-Blood Alcohol Concentration (B.A.C.)
- 5-Breathalyzer Test

D. Driver Privileges and Penalties

- 1-Ways of Losing License
- 2-Mandatory Sanctions
- 3-Intoxicated Driver Resource Centers (I.D.R.C.)
- 4-The Point System
- 5-Surcharges

E. Safe Driving Rules and Regulations

- 1-Obeying the Speed Limit
- 2-Right of Way Laws
- 3-High/Low Beam Lights
- 4-Passing
- 5-Intersections
- 6-Highways
- 7-Right on Red Laws
- 8-School Buses

F. Vehicle Information

- 1-Title
- 2-Registration
- 3-License Plates
- 4-Inspection
- 5-Insurance

G. Defensive Driving

- 1-Road Conditions
- 2-Snow and Ice
- 3-Emotions
- 4-Changing Lanes
- 5-Hydroplaning
- 6-Night Driving
- 7-Reduced Visibility
- 8-Basic Driving Maneuvers

H. Emergency Situations

- 1-Emergency Stops
- 2-Skids
- 3-Running off the Pavement
- 4-Tire Blowout