



COURSE EXPECTATIONS

GOAL: To develop safe skillful drivers who understand the laws regarding vehicle ownership and operation and are capable of making responsible decisions when operating a motor vehicle.

CLASSROOM: To meet the state requirements, the classroom portion of your driver education course will last for 30 hours. We realize that it may be necessary for a student to miss one or two sessions for legitimate reasons. The state requires students to be exposed to the full course. The student will have to make up the sessions missed. Make up assignments must be meaningful and pertain to the session missed. The most common method of make up is a substantial written assignment. Make up may also be accomplished by attending class with another group that is covering the material missed. The Department of Transportation has set a limit of two absences for each student. The student will be dropped from the course if absent more than twice. The student may be rescheduled with another group when they reach the point where the third absence occurred provided the make up for the first two sessions is complete and there is room in the other group. A student must be in attendance for the full 120 minutes to receive credit for a two hour session. All absences must be prearranged with the classroom instructor. The make up assignment will be given in advance and is to be completed upon returning to class.

OBSERVATION: Each student must log six hours observing another student operate the car while accompanied by an instructor. Students will sign up for observation times along with driving times and are responsible for accumulating six hours. For each hour of driving you complete, make sure that you have also completed one hour of observation.

BEHIND-THE-WHEEL: Each student must log six hours of actual behind-the-wheel instruction at no more than one hour per day which must extend over a minimum of 19 days. For each hour of time spent with an instructor, the student should spend two hours practicing with a parent. Students who put in a great deal of practice show greater progress than students who drive mainly with the instructor and practice very little in the family vehicle. Before attempting to take your road test, you must log a minimum of 20 extra hours of practice beyond the six hours of instruction from SAFETY AND RESPECT driving instructors. You will sign up for driving time after receiving your Instruction Permit. When you sign up for a drive time, you are making a commitment to

your fellow students, observers, and instructors. Be very sure that you can keep the driving time that you select. If you must cancel a driving time, you must notify the S&R office personnel at least two business days in advance (no office hours on Friday) so that your position in the car can be filled by another student.

PREPARATION: You will have two textbooks from which reading assignments will be given. You are expected to complete your reading assignments before attending class each day. Classroom sessions will require your active participation. Written assignments and observation assignments will be given on a regular basis. Falling behind in your reading is a sure way to fail your written Instruction Permit test. We will have periodic quizzes to determine your understanding of materials and practice tests to prepare you for the written Instruction Permit test and the final test. Do your assignments and be prepared.

CHECKING FOR UNDERSTANDING: The **Drive Right** text has review exercises and questions at the end of each chapter. Students will be expected to complete the exercises and questions as assigned. All written assignments must be completed before your “completion form” can be issued.

MAKE UP FOR MISSING CLASSROOM TIME: The state requires that students do make up work for any classroom sessions that are missed. Absences should be pre-arranged so that you can get your work in advance. Reasonable reasons for absence include: illness, required school activities, or family emergencies. Work, hunting, or going to the DMV to take the written Instruction Permit exam are not acceptable reasons to miss class per state regulations. Written make up work is your responsibility and must be completed before you will get a completion slip. Check with your instructor as to the exact nature of the make up for days missed. Typically, you’ll be assigned the **REVIEW CHAPTER OBJECTIVE** and the **THINK CRITICALLY QUESTION** in **Drive Right** test for each chapter you miss. This work is due on the day you return. You may check out a book to complete the work -- don’t plan on doing it during class. Our philosophy is that you should be knowledgeable about all the topics covered in class. All make up is designed to accomplish this goal.

QUESTIONS: Should you have questions, need to pre-arrange an absence or need to cancel a drive time, please contact Safety and Respect office at the number listed.

Most of you are looking forward to the freedom the driver’s license gives. Remember that freedom and responsibility go hand in hand. While you may be looking forward to the freedom, are you ready to accept the responsibility for safety and respect of the driving task?

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