

DRIVER EDUCATION



Philosophy Statement

The objective of the Driver Education Program is to develop all the skills and practices necessary for each student to function safely within the highway transportation system.

Driver Education

Course No.: 1921F, 1924S

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing and 15 years of age. A student must pass 8 academic classes during the previous calendar year. To enroll during semester 1, a student must turn 15 before March 31.

Credit: None / Semesters 1 and 2

Fees: \$195.00

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Other:

Driver Education is a three phase program that consists of classroom, simulation and behind the wheel (BTW). All phases are closely integrated. Students who enroll in Driver Education for the first time will be exempt from Physical Education during that semester. If a student needs to take Driver Education again, he or she must also take Physical Education during the same semester. There is no credit awarded for successfully completing this course.

The classroom phase is required for every student for graduation. Students will receive a minimum of 30 hours of instruction within the semester. The curriculum includes: basic handling of a vehicle, defensive driving techniques, attitudes and emotions, handling a vehicle in adverse conditions, buying/maintaining and insuring a vehicle, the effects of drugs, alcohol, cell phones and other audio devices and how they relate to operating a vehicle and current state laws.

The behind the wheel phase must be successfully completed along with the other two phases in order for a student to be eligible to receive a license. This phase of Driver Education will include over 4 hours of in the vehicle instruction. A student must hold a valid Illinois State permit for a minimum of 9 months, complete Driver Education and turn 16 years of age prior to applying for an Illinois State license.

The simulation phase of Driver Education is an integral part of the behind the wheel phase of Driver Education. The Simulation lab offers students an opportunity to develop the practical aspects of driving a motorized vehicle in a safe environment. These simulated experiences provide greater exposure to a variety of driving situations that, due to time and conditional restraints, are often not able to be duplicated during the behind the wheel phase of Driver Education.

Driver Education Course Sequences

