

**Spaulding High School
2021/2022 Course Syllabus
Driver Education**

Please review the entire syllabus and parent/guardian letter and acknowledgement

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Course Description:

This quarter length course is designed to develop conscientious drivers who understand and demonstrate the essential components of the safe operation of a motor vehicle. The course focuses on developing driving skills, knowledge, and attitudes with an emphasis on safety.

The course consists of:

- At least 30 hours of classroom time:
 - Students are expected to complete all Modules and Lessons to expectations
 - Students are expected to meet proficiency on all Learning Tasks
 - Students are expected to meet proficiency on all Lesson/Module Assessments
 - When the above expectations are met, students are eligible to take the final assessment.
- At least 6 hours of in-vehicle driving time
- At least 6 hours of in-vehicle observation time.
 - The in-vehicle driving is graded as Pass/Fail; each student must demonstrate and meet the objectives of each driving lesson in order to pass.
 - In-vehicle driving requirements must be met in addition to the classroom requirements in order to be eligible to receive a Driver Education Certificate confirmation with the DMV.

Prerequisite - Students must possess their Vermont Learner's Permit on the first day of class in order to maintain enrollment.

If you have not submitted your VT permit information prior to the start of the course, please do so immediately.

Units of Study:

Unit#1: Uniting Driver & Vehicle
Unit#2: Knowing Where You Are
Unit#3: You Are In Control
Unit #4: Line of Sight, Point of Travel
Unit #5: Intersections
Unit #6: Space Management
Unit #6.1: The Deadly D's
Unit #7: Interacting With Others
Unit #8: Practicing Your Skills
Unit #9: Managing Driver, Vehicle, & Environmental Risk
Unit #10: Putting It All Together

Materials/Text(s):

Drive Right, Eleventh Edition (provided in digital format)

Google Classroom Resources & Postings

Attendance:

Students must meet the requirement for completion of 30 class hours, 6 driving hours, and 6 observational hours. Students that do not meet this requirement may receive an incomplete or failing grade based upon the circumstances. Advanced notice must be given if a drive cannot be made, please notify the driving instructor for that drive AND the classroom instructor. Rescheduling of drives will take place on a first available basis.

Lessons, Assignments, & Assessments

A “**Week-at-a-Glance**” outline will be provided to students at the beginning of each week. The “glance” provides a preview of what will be covered each day and the daily tasks that should be completed. Some will be completed in class but additional time out of class may be needed to complete all tasks.

Students can expect to complete approximately one module a week. Each module includes lessons, readings, application tasks, and assessments. **Attendance** in class and completion of **lessons** count towards the state mandated **classroom hours**. In addition, students must score **proficient** on all module **assessments** in order to sit for the final assessment.

Students must score proficient on the final assessment and meet all other course requirements in order to receive their Driver Education Certificate confirmation.

In addition to lessons, digital readings and learning activities will be posted to our Google Classroom. These readings supplement and enhance understanding of the content and should also be completed prior to the corresponding assessment. Please refer to the ‘week-at-a-glance’ each week for more details.

Late Work & Reassessment

Students who do not meet proficiency on an assessment should review the teacher comments in Infinite Campus, review the material, and discuss concerns with their instructor. When ready, **students must request access to reassessments.**

Please be advised that a student will not be allowed to re-enroll in a Driver Education course at Spaulding High School if they do not pass the course on their first attempt.

You are expected to complete **driving practice at home** with a parent/guardian in order to be successful. The state of Vermont requires you to log **40 hours of additional driving time, with 10 of those hours being completed at night**. If you and your parent/guardian cannot commit at this time to practicing at home between school drives, you may want to consider taking the course when you can. Students who drive at home tend to acquire lifelong driving skills sooner than those with no extra practice. Attitude is very important in driving! Authorities attribute 85-90% of all collisions to behavioral issues. Without a doubt, attitude is one of the most difficult areas to develop successfully. We ask your support as parents/guardians, in promoting a responsible and mature attitude. Remember that good driving habits and attitudes are acquired with lots of practice and supervision.

Grading:

All scoring of lessons, assessments, and learning tasks will take place in Infinite Campus. Please refer to Infinite Campus, NOT Google Classroom for the most up-to-date grading information. Submitted/Completed dates along with comments will accompany most posts. Please reach out to Anna Ryan (aryanshs@buusd.org) for IC support.

VTDE Standards:

VTDE Classroom Standard 1: Preparing to Operate a Vehicle

VTDE Classroom Standard 2: Understanding Vehicle Controls

VTDE Classroom Standard 3: Traffic Entry Skills

VTDE Classroom Standard 4: Intersection Skills & Negotiating Curves and Hills

VTDE Classroom Standard 5: Space Management & Vehicle Control Skills in Moderate Risk Environments

VTDE Classroom Standard 6: Traffic Flow & Space Management Skills at Speeds Below 55 m.p.h.

VTDE Classroom Standard 7: Traffic Flow & Space Management Skills at Maximum Highway Speeds

VTDE Classroom Standard 8: Factors Affecting Driving Performance

VTDE Classroom Standard 9: Managing Adverse Conditions

VTDE Classroom Standard 10: Other Roadway Users

VTDE Classroom Standard 11: Responding to Emergencies, Vehicle Malfunctions & Crashes, & Vehicle Technology

VTDE In-Car Standard 1: Preparing to Operate a Vehicle

VTDE In-Car Standard 2: Traffic Entry and Intersection Approach Skills

VTDE In-Car Standard 3: Visual & Mental Perception for Vehicle Control Tasks

VTDE In-Car Standard 4: Responding to Emergency Situations

I have read and understand the attached syllabus. I know how to contact the teacher and/or access the syllabus in the future should questions arise.

Student's Name: (please print) _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____