

Oceanside Driver's Education Program

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**Fall 2022
REGISTRATION**

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Classes Begin: **September 19, 2022**

Dear Parent/Guardian(s) of **2022/2023 11th and 12th Graders:**

Please complete the application form, attach a copy of your learner's permit, and return it either by mail to Driver's Education/Castleton located at 145 Merle Avenue, Oceanside or Scan to: Leslie Raymond at Lraymond@oceansideschools.org no later than **Wednesday, September 7, 2022.** **Any applications after this date will not be accepted.**

Students must possess a Learner's Permit and reside in the Oceanside School District. Registration forms will be accepted subject to availability. **You will be notified during the week of September 12, 2022 as to the status of your application.** Should you accept the assigned schedule, you will then need to formally register by paying the fee (\$300) to DOCA by check or through **WebTrac** by **September 19, 2022.** All information regarding schedule and payment will be sent by School Messenger.

There will be several changes to our in-vehicle driving component, please read carefully. COVID-19-related circumstances are not allowing our driving school to operate for the Fall drivers' education course. In order to meet the full 24 hours requirement, **a parent/guardian will be responsible for all 24 hours of student observation and behind-the-wheel instruction.**

The cost has been adjusted to reflect the changing program. The new price will be \$300.00, reduced from \$600.00, which will include 24 hours of virtual theory classes.

Approximately 2 to 4 weeks after completion of the New York State accredited Driver Education program all students will receive their MV-285 Certificate of Completion. This will enable students to schedule their road test and obtain a license, once they pass their road test.

We appreciate the patience our community has shown and hope to accommodate as many students as possible. As always please call our office with any questions or concerns.

PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS: Your household must be registered with the district. Prior to registration, please call 678-7541 to verify that your household is registered.

Make-Up Policy:

Attendance at all theory classes is mandatory and excessive absences (2+) will result in dismissal from the program. As per New York State law, ALL absences must be made up. If your child has commitments that will interfere with attendance (**i.e., school trips, sports, competitions, college visitations, entrance examinations, family functions, etcetera**) he/she should register for a subsequent session in the Spring where he/she has no conflicts.

Theory classes will take place virtually. Mr. Nicholas Punzone, theory teacher, will send a google meet to all students prior to the start of the class.

Class expectations during class time:

- Students should not be talking or texting on their cellular phone and/or any other electronic device unless utilized for emergencies.
- Students should pay attention and actively participate in class.
- While in class every student should not be engaged in any activities which could lead to distractions in learning.
- Friends and/or family members of registered class participants are not permitted in class, under no circumstances.

Please note, if your child does not follow proper protocol, Mr. Punzone will dismiss them from the class.

Driver & Traffic Safety Education in New York State schools is a course implemented via a joint partnership between the NYS Education Department and the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Driver Education course is intended to educate students on appropriate driving skills and habits as well as playing a responsible role in the highway transportation/safety system. Students who satisfactorily complete the course are eligible to receive the MV-285 Student Certificate of Completion, which allows:

- A NYS Junior Permit holder to schedule a road test,
- Young drivers a possible reduction in automobile insurance cost (participation is dependent upon insurance provider participation), and
- A 17 year old to receive a senior license (MV-285 form must be submitted to local DMV to attain this benefit).

New York State has increased the number of practice driving hours required before scheduling a road test to a minimum of 50 hours with at least 15 hours at night (after sunset). Oceanside Driver Education requires that these hours be provided by the parent/guardian and Form MV-262 must be completed by the parent/guardian and presented at the road test to certify that you have provided **50 hours** to your child. Therefore, instructors do NOT sign the MV-262 form. This form can be downloaded at dmv.ny.gov/forms/mv26.

Please direct inquiries as follows:

Driver Education Inquiries.....Call Mr. Simmons at 678-7593

DMV Inquirieswww.dmv.ny.gov

Click Link: More Information - Younger Driver

When after-school or weekend activities are cancelled or school is closed due to inclement weather, **Driver Education classes are also cancelled.**

Following a cancellation:

- Theory teachers will inform their students regarding make up requirements.



Fall 2022 Driver Education Application

PRINT CLEARLY & AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PERMIT

Last Name: _____

Fall Grade: (2022/2023)

First Name: _____

_____ Junior

Address: _____

_____ Senior

Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Permit #: _____

Student School Email Address: _____

Select as many options as possible to increase your opportunity for placement.

(PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED CALENDAR)

THEORY CLASSES: Put an **X** next to your selections.

Day A

____ Monday 7 pm – 9 pm

Day B

____ Tuesday 7 pm – 9 pm

Day C

____ Wednesday 7 pm – 9 pm

List all after-school obligation(s)/Days & Hours:

I grant permission for my child to enroll in the Driver Education Program. We understand that attendance at theory classes, in-car classes, and parent/student evening meeting is mandatory and abuse of this requirement may result in dismissal from the program without refund. We understand that EVERY absence must be made up.

Parent Signature: _____