

To: NYCSD School Board
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Re: Driver Education Update



Background

At the March 19, 2015 School Board Meeting, presented for approval were three items related to Driver Education:

- Approve the contract with Capital Area Intermediate Unit for Behind-the-Wheel Driver Education Services from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 at a cost of \$290 per student
Approved
- Approve entering into a contractual relationship with Shield Driving School for On-line Driver Education Instruction from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost of \$50 per student
Approved
- Approve the recommendation from Administration to remove Driver Education as a graduation requirement
Not Approved

Therefore, students at Northern High School are required to pass an on-line driver education theory course for graduation purposes. Students receive .25 credit and receive a pass/fail grade.

Status Update

At the start of the 2016-17 school year,

- Students in Grade 11 who had not yet completed their driver education graduation requirement were
 - Assigned to a driver education study hall
 - Not permitted to get a parking pass
 - Not permitted to begin behind the wheel driving
- Students in grade 10
 - Were given the first semester to complete the course
 - Were given a grade of P or F on their marking period 2 report card; once the student completed the course, the grade would be changed to a P
 - Were not permitted to begin behind the wheel or apply for a parking permit
 - *Who did not complete course by the end of the 2nd MP would be placed into a second semester driver education study hall until they finished the course

Status Check	Completers
January 2016-(Gr 10)	7/255
June 2016-(Gr 10)	208/255
January 2017-(Gr 11)	239/255
January 2017-(Gr 10)	147/265

*The number of grade 10 students who completed their driver education course by the end of the first semester this school year increased significantly from last school year (from 7/255 to 147/265). However, the non-completer number (118) was too large to accommodate in second semester study halls. Therefore, we had to adjust the implementation plan.

Moving Forward

At the start of the 17/18 school year, grade 10 students

- Will be required to complete their driver ed theory graduation requirement
- Will get a grade (P or F) at the end of the 2nd marking period
- Must present proof of completion of the on line theory course (certificate) when registering for behind the wheel
- Are not permitted to apply for a parking permit until driver ed course is complete

At the start of the 17/18 school year, grade 11 students who have not completed their online driver education graduation requirement will

- Be assigned to a Fall driver's ed study hall until the course is completed
- Not be permitted to begin behind the wheel until the driver education theory course is completed
- Not be able to apply for a parking pass until they finish the online course