

DRIVER EDUCATION INSTRUCTION

The Board of Education supports programs which encourage safe driving skills, and it will subsidize, through the Continuing Education Program, a driver education course for residents having attained the age of 16. Funding will be made available to enroll as many as 600 pupils annually. Priority will be given to resident students who are enrolled in the 12th and 11th grades of the senior high school and to resident students who attend private high schools.

The superintendent of schools will organize a year-round program utilizing after school hours, weekends, and vacation periods when classes are not in session for the regular academic courses. The program shall not operate on Sundays nor on those legal holidays when schools in New York State are required to be closed.

Classroom Instruction **Subsection 6146.1**

The classroom portion of driver education will be conducted in rooms set aside at the high school during times when the rooms are not required for the regular day program. The superintendent of schools is authorized to hire certified driver education teachers on a part-time basis whose salaries are to be paid from the Continuing Education Fund at an hourly rate established by the Board of Education at its annual reorganization meeting.

In-Car Instruction **Subsection 6146.2**

The superintendent of schools is authorized to retain the services of private firms which are licensed by New York State to provide in-car instruction. The in-car instruction will be awarded to firms as a result of contracts which arise from the receipt of public bids for this service.

Credit Toward Graduation **Subsection 6146.3**

A student who successfully completes the classroom and in-car instruction may be awarded one-half (1/2) unit of credit toward a high school graduation diploma.

Grade Reports **Subsection 6146.4**

At the conclusion of the classroom instruction, the teacher will award a grade indicating successful completion or failure. If the student has passed, a grade of "P" will be issued. If the student has failed, a grade of "F" will be issued.

At the conclusion of the in-car instruction, the student will receive a grade of "P" or "F" from the instructor hired by the contractor. When the grades from both sectors of the course are represented as a "P," the student will be considered to have passed the course and credit may be

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awarded by the high school principal. If the teacher for either sector of the course issues an "F" to the student, the high school principal will determine that the student has failed the course and no credit may be awarded.

Report card grades obtained by students for driver education instruction will not be used to determine rank in class.

Attendance
Subsection 6146.5

In order to successfully complete the course, a student will not be absent more than two (2) instructional periods for either the in-car instruction or the classroom instruction. The Director of Continuing Education will make arrangements with the teachers and the students for one (1) makeup session should a student be absent for a reason which is excusable.

Fees
Subsection 6146.6

A student selected for enrollment in driver education shall pay a \$25 fee upon registration. The fee will be nonrefundable except in those instances when the school district acts to terminate the enrollment. The effective date of the imposition of a fee will be July 1, 1988.

Wait Listing
Subsection 6146.7

The Director of Continuing Education shall create a list of students eligible to take driver education courses. The Director shall accept students in the order in which they register for the course after attaining age 16 and prior to their graduation from high school. If a student, once registered as an eligible candidate, drops out of the high school but re-enters at a later date, that student must re-register for driver education and be placed again in the next position available on the waiting list.

A student once accepted for enrollment in the driver education class and from whom a \$25 nonrefundable registration fee has been received will be placed at the end of the waiting list should that student, for any reason caused by the student, fail to complete the course.

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The superintendent of schools shall recommend to the Board of Education the names of private firms certified to provide in-car instruction by New York State. This service shall be contracted on the basis of public bids. Bid specifications will be issued annually by the superintendent of schools and shall include all requirements for the hiring of instructors, co-insuring the school district, identifying the standards for the vehicles, and other arrangements necessary for the satisfactory operation of the program.

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