

Traffic Safety Education (TSE)

Bellingham Public Schools

Course Expectations and Consent Document



Course Enrollment:

- You must be 15 years of age or older on or before the first day of the TSE class.
- Each individual high school enrolls students in TSE courses through its class scheduling procedures.
- Running Start, home school and private school students are enrolled in TSE at the high school that serves their residential address.

Class Requirements:

- Students must obtain their instruction permits no later than seven working days after the first day of class through the online application process on the Department of Licensing (DOL) website, or in-person at the DOL.
- Students must complete at least 1800 class minutes with the Traffic Safety instructor.
 - Please consider whether you can attend every class. Other commitments such as vacations, athletics, work, etc., cannot excuse attendance and students must be present for the state required 1800 minutes to be eligible for a drivers license.
- Students must complete all lessons for the class.
 - Every assignment, quiz, and test must be completed with a score of 80% or better. The overall grade in the class does not determine whether completion is registered with the Department of Licensing (DOL). Students will have multiple opportunities to meet 80% on assignments, quizzes, and tests.
 - If a student misses a class, they must make up that lesson under the supervision of the Traffic Safety instructor. By state law, making up the lesson outside of school is not allowed.
 - Traffic Safety also requires completion of 6 behind the wheel driving lessons. These lessons are typically 2 hours each, and they occur outside of school hours including after school and on weekends. We would like students to try and complete their drives before the end of the semester, if possible.
- Whether in a behind-the-wheel lesson or practicing away from school with an adult family member, students are the legal operator of the vehicle when they are behind the wheel.
- Students must always drive responsibly. If a student violates the conditions of their permit either in lessons or during practice, they may be immediately removed from the Traffic Safety course.

Driving Lessons:

- Students must arrive on time with a physical permit in-hand for scheduled lessons.
- Students who need to cancel a lesson for reasons other than illness must provide at least 24-hour notice.
- Students experiencing illness should report this to the instructors as soon as possible.
- Students can only complete one driving lesson per day.
- Students must leave cell phones and any other personal items in the trunk during driving lessons.
- Students need to be rested, focused, and free from substances that could affect driving ability, such as medications.

Parents and Guardians:

- It is very important to check email and ParentSquare regularly, as this is the way vital information will be shared. Please check to ensure email information in Skyward is accurate. If email is not possible for you, please contact the Traffic Safety instructor to arrange an alternative.
- Please make sure to arrange prompt drop-off and pick-up of students for driving lessons. Driving instructors may need to leave immediately after lessons for other responsibilities.
- Practice driving is extremely helpful. Please remember that experienced drivers can easily forget how complex driving can be. Plan routes carefully to avoid pushing students beyond their current skills. Factor in extra time for trips, as students will need that extra time to carefully practice their skills.

Carefully read and initial each statement below:

Initials:

_____	_____	I understand that students must complete all lessons with at least 1800 instructor-led minutes of class time. This time cannot be made-up independently.
<i>Student</i>	<i>Parent/Guardian</i>	
_____	_____	I understand that all assignments, quizzes, and tests must be completed with a score of 80% or better. The course will not be reported complete with any missing tasks.
<i>Student</i>	<i>Parent/Guardian</i>	
_____	_____	I understand that students must have a valid permit within the permitted time to obtain credit with the DOL for Traffic Safety.
<i>Student</i>	<i>Parent/Guardian</i>	

Signatures: By signing this document, I am verifying that I consent to participating in the Traffic Safety program. I have read the *Course Expectations Document* and agree to all the terms herein as it applies to the Traffic Safety Education Program in Bellingham Public Schools.

Student Name (Please Print) _____

Student Signature *Date*

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature *Date*

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