



**WELCOME to  
MARIA REGINA HIGH SCHOOL'S  
DRIVER EDUCATION  
PROGRAM**

**Spring 2026**



## Faculty



### **Divine Evangelista-Miller, Classroom Instructor**

Divine attended Ensign College, Brigham Young University and New Jersey City University. Driving Instructor since 2009. She has been teaching in-class driver's ed since 2018.

*A message from Divine: "All my life has been about safe driving. My father owned a driving school for many years. Driver safety has always been a priority. I love teaching driver's ed programs and making the classes fun, but also very informative. In doing so, most students retain the knowledge they learn from class. They are able to use the knowledge and skills they learn in the classroom and ultimately use those learned skills to build good habits for driving. I look forward to being part of Maria Regina High School's driver ed program."*



### **Mark Goldstein, Senior Driving Instructor**

Mark served in the United States Marine Corp and the experience molded him to be hardworking, dedicated and determined to give back to the community. After his service, he decided to help the community by helping new drivers learn to drive safely. He has 29 years of experience working as a driving instructor with Gotham Driving School which he now owns.

*A message from Mark: "I am passionate and positive when it comes to driving instruction. I will provide a safe environment that will ease tension and anxiety. I treat everyone with respect and give them an individualized experience when we are together. Our goal will be to practice, not to get it right, but to practice until you can't get it wrong! I look forward to joining the Maria Regina family and work with you!"*



# Maria Regina High School Driver Education Program

## Spring 2026

**Spring 2026** Driver's Ed Program runs **February 24th, 2026** through **June 27th 2026**.

### LECTURE REQUIREMENTS

Lectures are held at Maria Regina High School in the cafeteria.

*\*From the NYS Dept of Ed: Effective June 30, 2023, ALL students MUST attend lectures in person.*

- You must attend one lecture a week (16 weeks).
- Each lecture is **90 minutes**; 1 hour of learning + 30 min of make-up time if needed.
- You do not need to schedule your time for the lecture. Lectures are flexible and there are make-up opportunities.

| <b>Spring 2026 LECTURE DATES/TIMES</b> |         |          |         |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>                          |         |          |         |         |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                         |         |          | 4:00 pm | 5:30 pm |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                       |         |          | 3:30 pm |         |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                        |         |          | 4:00 pm |         |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                          |         |          | 5:00 pm |         |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                        | 9:00 am | 10:30 am |         |         |

### DRIVING REQUIREMENTS

All driving lessons will commence and end at Maria Regina High School

*\*From the NYS Dept of Ed: Effective June 30, 2023, ALL students MUST attend & participate in the driving portion of the program.*

- You must have a minimum of 6 hours of driving and 18 hours of observation with the Maria Regina Instructor (20 min per week x 18 weeks).
- Each driving lesson is approximately **60** or **80** minutes
- You will need to schedule lessons with Mark ahead of the program starting. Lessons will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.
- Driving lessons are available: **Monday - Sunday (7 days a week)** see last page



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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All students **MUST BE** 16-year-old by the first day of lecture, **Feb. 24th, 2026, NO EXCEPTIONS**

Maria Regina's Driver's ed program is, as always, open to all other schools; Public, Private, & Parochial.

## DRIVERS EDUCATION STAFF

- Mrs. Divine Evangelista-Miller, Director of Driver's Education Program  
mrhsdrivered@mariaregina.org
  - Driver Education Professor since 2018
  - In-car driving instructor since 2009
  - Graduate of Brigham Young University & New Jersey City University
- Mr. Mark Goldstein  
718-548-2300 or 917-656-8122
  - Driving instructor with 29 years experience
  - Retired US Marine

## SUPERVISED DRIVING REQUIREMENT

- As per the State Education Department, all students **MUST** participate in the driving portion for a minimum of 6 hours and 18 hours of observation time with a Driving Instructor before the course ends. ● You must accumulate 50 hours of supervised driving. A Certification of Supervised Driving (Form MV-262) must be signed by your parent or guardian and brought to your road test.
- There are plenty of driving slots to accommodate even the busiest student.

## UPON COMPLETION

Each student will receive:

- NYS Driver Education Course Completion Certificate (MV-285)
- 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Certificate (MV-278) after 5-hours of classroom instruction (if requested)
- Insurance Premium Reduction, where granted by an Insurance Company

## REGISTRATION

- MRHS Driver's Ed registration is now open. Please see link and flyer below:  
<https://mariaregina.org/apps/forms2/?f=44195>
- There will be a **MANDATORY** in-person orientation for the **PARENTS** (optional for the students)
- The orientation dates will be listed on the registration form, and you can choose your own date.
- Driving slots will be selected after the orientation presentation, on a first come, first served basis.
- Tuition cost: **\$879.00** – payable via the Online Registration Form



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### **FAQ:**

#### **Do I have to attend the Parent Orientation?**

Yes. The purpose of the orientation is to explain the program and how it works. Without an orientation it would be difficult to address and clarify everyone's questions. Also, driving lessons are expected to be scheduled at this time.

#### **My child turns 16 after the first day of the course start date. Can I sign him/her up for that semester's course?**

No. NYS Law states that ALL students must be 16 years old on day one and hold a valid NYS Learner's Permit. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

#### **Can Student's complete the program remotely or all-online?**

No. The NYS Department of Education changed the guidelines back to the Pre-COVID guidelines where all students must participate in the lecture and the driving portions of the course in person.

**Is the 5-Hour Certificate (MV-278) included in the Driver Ed tuition?** Yes, The 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Certificate will be provided to any students who request one so they can schedule their road test before they receive the (MV-285) Driver's Ed Certificate. The original MV-278 **MUST** be brought to their road test.

#### **When can students receive the MV-285 certificates?**

The MV-285 certificates will be given out after the semester has ended and Students have completed all requirements. They will be available for pick-up in the Maria Regina Administration Office.

#### **I will be taking my road test after the completion of Driver Ed. Do I still need to get a 5-hour certificate?**

No. The Course Completion Certificate (MV-285) supersedes the 5-hour certificate; however, you can't make your appointment until after you get the certificate. The original MV-285 **MUST** be brought to their road test.

#### **If I cannot attend the lecture I normally go to but I can't make it, can I go to the lecture another day?**

Yes, Lectures are more flexible in the Fall and Spring session since the same lecture is given at least 7 times per week. You **DO NOT** need to notify anyone about what lecture you will be or won't be attending.

#### **What if I can't make it to any of the lectures during the week?**

You **MUST** make up any missed lectures before you can receive your completion certificate. There will be opportunities to make-up up to 4 missed lectures before semester ends.



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### FAQ:

**I signed up to drive on a specific day/time but I can't make it. Can I attend another driving day/time without scheduling it?**

Yes. However, since the driving time you picked at the registration is your secured slot for the entire semester, you must contact your Driving Instructor for availability and it is not guaranteed

**If I miss a driving day, do I need to reschedule the driving right away?** Yes. However, you have to call your Driving Instructor and reschedule for a future time and it is not guaranteed.

**I want to be in the same car as my friend. Can I switch into their car?** We will do our best to accommodate the students to be with their friends, however ALL switches MUST be mutually agreed upon by the students on week-1 and MUST be approved by your Driving Instructor.

**If I have a question, can I call Mrs. Miller? It's preferable that all inquiries are via email.**

We typically have over 200 students enrolled in the program which makes it difficult to manage following up on all phone calls. If a phone conversation is necessary, of course we can talk.

email: [mrhsdrivered@mariaregina.org](mailto:mrhsdrivered@mariaregina.org)

Please DO NOT CALL Maria Regina H.S. for inquiries about the program.

**Will Driver Ed be cancelled if it snows?**

Yes. If schools are cancelled and/or if the roads pose a hazard, we will cancel the driving and/or lecture.

**Does Driver Ed close during the Holiday breaks?**

Yes. We model the lecture/driving days and times around the school calendar. We try to accommodate both public and private school calendars.

*Note: There are no class lectures on Federal Holidays. However, there might be driving - we will announce that on a weekly basis.*

**When can I register for the next semester?**

An announcement will be posted on the high school website when the online registration form is available.

**How will I know of any changes to the Driver Ed calendar?**

Announcements will be made at the lectures, announcements will be sent via email and posted to the Maria Regina Driver's Ed Website.



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### COURSE SYLLABUS

|                            |                                                                                               |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>               | September 2025                                                                                |
| <b>In-class Instructor</b> | Mrs. Divine Evangelista-Miller   Director, Driver's Education<br>mrhsdrivered@mariaregina.org |
| <b>Driving Instructor</b>  | Mr. Mark Goldstein<br>917-656-8122<br>gothamdriving@aol.com                                   |

### COURSE DETAILS

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Course Title</b>          | Driver's Education Program                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Prerequisites</b>         | Must be 16 years old within the first week of the course. Students cannot drive until they have a valid Driver's Permit.                                                                                                        |
| <b>Course Description</b>    | The New York Driver Education Program is established to teach new drivers how to become good and safe drivers. The program is composed of both an in class lecture portion and a hands-on driving portion.                      |
| <b>Objectives:</b>           | Our goal is to better prepare students as they build their driving skills. We aim for students to gain knowledge in the rules of the road, know the road signs, dangers of distractions, and successfully pass their road test. |
| <b>Texts &amp; Resources</b> | Drive Right by Prentice Hall and Lecture Handouts/Presentations.                                                                                                                                                                |

### POLICIES

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| <b>Attendance Policy</b>        | If you do not sign-in you will be marked as absent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                 | The NYS Department of Motor Vehicles requires 100% attendance. However, with sports, emergencies, or sickness, the following applies:<br><b>Lecture Portion:</b> In class lectures are offered <b>seven</b> times during the week. If you miss a lecture, you can attend another lecture that week. If you missed that whole week, please ask Mrs. Miller how to do the make-up. You can make-up up to four lectures.<br><b>Driving Portion:</b> If you miss or know you will miss your driving lesson, <b>YOU MUST</b> contact the driving instructor, Mr. Mark to reschedule. |
| <b>Communication Policy</b>     | Announcements will be made at lectures, sent via email and posted to the Maria Regina Driver's Ed Website.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Electronic Device Policy</b> | No cell phone use is permitted during class. However, laptops are allowed for taking notes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Course Grading:</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Attendance for Lectures and Driving: 80%</li> <li>● Midterm: 10%</li> <li>● Final: 10%</li> </ul> <p>All homework and quizzes must be submitted directly after each lecture.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |



# Maria Regina High School Driver Education Program Spring 2026 TBA

| <b>CURRICULUM</b> |                                                                                        |                   |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Lecture</b>    | <b>Title (Subject to change)</b>                                                       | <b>Week Of...</b> |
| 1                 | Introduction/course requirements/road signs                                            |                   |
| 2                 | Road signs/Signals/Lane Markings/" Right of Way"/Sharing the road                      |                   |
| 3                 | Rules of the road/ Handling intersections                                              |                   |
| 4                 | Operating a Car: Controlling the wheel, manual vs. automatic, blind spots, scanning    |                   |
| 5                 | Operating a Car: Left-turn, right-turn, three-point turn, and parallel parking         |                   |
| 6                 | Driving Distractions                                                                   |                   |
| 7                 | Driving under bad weather/Driving in different environments /Make up opportunity       |                   |
| 8                 | Know your car and its safety features/what to do in an accident. / Make up opportunity |                   |
| 9                 | Graduated License Laws/Limits /Make up Opportunity                                     |                   |
| 10                | Midterm                                                                                |                   |
| 11                | Driving Drowsy/Road Rage                                                               |                   |
| 12                | DWI/DUI                                                                                |                   |
| 13                | DWI/DUI                                                                                |                   |
| 14                | Penalties/Fines/Make up opportunities                                                  |                   |
| 15                | Handling Emergencies/ Drugs and Driving                                                |                   |
| 16                | Final Lecture/Make Up Opportunity                                                      |                   |
| 17                | Make up Opportunity for <b>both lecture and driving</b>                                |                   |
| 18                | Make up Opportunity for <b>Driving Only</b>                                            |                   |

Driving lessons are available: **Monday - Sunday (7 days a week)**

Each Driving Lesson will be 60 minutes long, 20 minutes per student Maximum three students per car.

Sample schedule. Spring 2026 TBA

| <b>Fall 2025 DRIVING LESSON SCHEDULE</b> |                    |          |         |                     |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------|---------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>                            | 3:00 pm            | 4:00 pm  | 5:00 pm | 6:00pm              |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                           | 4:00 pm            | 5:00 pm  | 6:00 pm | 7:00pm              |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                         | 2:00pm &<br>3:00pm | 4:00pm   | 5:00pm  | 6:00pm              |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                          | 4:00 pm            | 5:00 pm  | 6:00 pm | 7:00pm              |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                            | 3:00 pm            | 4:00 pm  | 5:00 pm | 6:00pm              |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                          | 10:30 am           | 11:30 am | 12:30pm | 1:30pm &<br>2:30 pm |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                            | 10:30 am           | 11:30 am | 12:30pm | 1:30pm &<br>2:30 pm |