



Faribault Public Schools Driver Education - Requirements & Information

Faribault Public Schools Driver Education is approved by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and is taught by certified, licensed instructors.

The program consists of:

- 30 hours of classroom instruction
- 6 hours of Behind-the-Wheel instruction

Students must be 14 years old to begin Driver Education classroom instruction. Students must be 15 years old to take the Minnesota permit test.

Driver Education at a Glance

STEP 1 - REGISTER FOR CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

Before registering:

- Student must be at least 14 years old by day 1 of classroom instruction.
- Student must pre-register and pay the required registration fee.
- Registration is available online through Faribault Community Education.

Register: Faribault.arux.app

For questions or help with registration please call the District Office at 507-333-6005

Students must attend all class sessions. If a student misses the first day of class, they will need to enroll in the next available class and will no longer be permitted in the current session.

COST

Full Driver Education Program - \$435

Payment can be made in two installments:

- **\$165** at registration
- **\$270** before classes begin

Payment in full is required one week before the class start date.

If payment is not received by the deadline, registration may be cancelled and a drop fee may be applied before any deposit refund is processed.



Behind-the-Wheel ONLY

Students who completed classroom instruction through another approved program may enroll in Faribault's 6-hour Behind-the-Wheel program for: **\$310**

Proof of classroom completion and a valid learner's permit are required to take behind-the-wheel. A **\$50** make up fee will be required if you have an unexcused absence for behind-the-wheel.

STEP 2 - COMPLETE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

Minnesota requires students to complete 30 hours of classroom instruction. Classroom sessions are offered throughout the year. Check the Faribault Community Education registration system for current dates and times at faribault.arux.app

PLEASE NOTE: If school is cancelled, Driver Education class is also cancelled. Any required make-up sessions will be communicated by the instructor.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend every class. If a student misses a class, the student is responsible for making up that specific class session before a blue card can be issued.

Students may repeat a class session once without an additional fee when an absence is due to illness or a family emergency, provided the absence is communicated to the Driver Education instructor.

Missing two or more class days may result in forfeiture of course fees.

STEP 3 - AFTER CLASSROOM COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

After successful completion of the 30-hour classroom course:

- Students will receive a digital blue card or letter of course completion.
- Students must be registered for the Behind-the-Wheel portion of Driver Education before a blue card will be issued.
- Students who are not yet 15 must wait until their 15th birthday before taking the Minnesota permit test.

TAKING THE PERMIT TEST

Students may take the permit test at the Faribault Education Center when available or schedule a test through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Students should confirm current testing requirements and scheduling information before going to the testing location.



Students will need the required identification documents and their blue card/course completion documentation in order to take the permit test.

IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Students should be prepared to provide original documents.

Primary identification may include:

- Certified birth certificate
- Valid passport
- State identification card

Secondary identification may include:

- Another approved primary identification document
- Current school ID with photograph
- Social Security card
- Signed school transcript from a counselor

If original documents are not in English, they must be certified and translated.

STEP 4 - GET YOUR DRIVER'S PERMIT

After turning 15, the student must:

- Pass the Minnesota permit test.
- Obtain their learner's permit.
- Contact the Faribault Driver Education Coordinator once the permit has been obtained. Contact FPS Driver Education Coordinator, Joe Pientka, at jpientka@faribault.k12.mn.us or 507-210-5703.

IMPORTANT: Students cannot begin Behind-the-Wheel instruction until they have passed the permit test and obtained their learner's permit.

STEP 5 - COMPLETE BEHIND-THE-WHEEL INSTRUCTION

Minnesota requires 6 hours of Behind-the-Wheel instruction.

Behind-the-Wheel instruction is available throughout the year. The FPS Driver Education Coordinator will send notifications out as Behind-the-Wheel schedules are available.

BEFORE EVERY LESSON

Students must:

- Bring their learner's permit to every lesson.

Students who do not have their permit with them will not be allowed to drive that day.



MISSED BEHIND-THE-WHEEL LESSONS

Once lesson times have been scheduled, students are expected to attend. A missed lesson may result in a **\$50** per hour fee, unless the absence is due to an emergency or has been excused by the instructor.

Any required payment must be made before the student can complete Behind-the-Wheel instruction.

A white card will not be issued until all required instruction and payments have been completed.

STEP 6 - COMPLETE THE PROGRAM

After completing all 6 hours of Behind-the-Wheel instruction, the student will receive a digital white card or certificate of completion.

The white card must be presented to the examiner before taking the road test.

IMPORTANT: Take a screenshot of your white card when it is issued to have a record of obtainment.

If a replacement card is needed, contact the Driver Education Coordinator at 507-210-5703.

STEP 7 - TAKE THE ROAD TEST

Students are responsible for scheduling their own road test through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. dps.mn.gov

To take the road test, students must meet Minnesota's current eligibility requirements, including:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Have held the learner's permit for at least six months
- Complete the 50 required supervised driving hours
- Have the required white card documenting completion of Behind-the-Wheel instruction
- Have a current copy of your auto insurance

Students and families should review the current Minnesota Department of Public Safety requirements when preparing for the road test.

REGISTRATION, WITHDRAWAL & REFUND POLICIES

- Students must be pre-registered before attending class.
- Failure to attend the session for which a student is registered may result in a \$50 drop/add fee when transferring to another session.
- Fees may be forfeited for disciplinary reasons or failure to complete course requirements.
- Fees may be forfeited when a student misses two or more class days.
- Refund requests must be submitted within one year of the final class date. Refunds are not guaranteed.



SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORT

If a student receives special education services through Faribault Public Schools and may need supplementary aids or services to access and participate in Driver Education, families should contact the student's case manager at the high school to determine whether an IEP meeting is needed.

Questions regarding special education services may also be directed to the Office of Special Services at 507-333-6004.

STUDENT DRIVER EDUCATION CHECKLIST

CLASSROOM

- ☐ I am at least 14 years old
- ☐ I registered for a Driver Education classroom session
- ☐ I paid the required registration fee
- ☐ I attended all required classroom sessions
- ☐ I completed 30 hours of classroom instruction
- ☐ I received my digital blue card/course completion documentation

PERMIT

- ☐ I am at least 15 years old
- ☐ I have the required identification documents
- ☐ I took and passed the Minnesota permit test
- ☐ I obtained my learner's permit
- ☐ I contacted the Driver Education Coordinator with my permit information

BEHIND-THE-WHEEL

- ☐ I registered and paid for Behind-the-Wheel instruction
- ☐ I scheduled my six hours of instruction
- ☐ I bring my learner's permit to every lesson
- ☐ I completed all 6 hours of Behind-the-Wheel instruction
- ☐ I received my digital white card
- ☐ I saved a screenshot of my white card

ROAD TEST

- ☐ I am at least 16 years old
- ☐ I have held my permit for at least six months
- ☐ I completed the required supervised driving hours
- ☐ I scheduled my road test
- ☐ I have my white card available for the road test



710 17th Street SW, Faribault, MN 55021

Office: 507-333-6011 | ce.faribault.k12.mn.us

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Faribault Public Schools
Community Education - Driver Education

Registration: faribault.arux.app

General Community Education: 507-333-6011

Driver Education Coordinator: (Phone) 507-210-5703 | (Email) jpientka@faribault.k12.mn.us

Mail or drop off registration materials:

Faribault Public Schools
Attn: Community Education Driver's Education
710 17th St. SW
Faribault, MN 55021

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Driver Education is a multi-step process. Completing classroom instruction does not mean you have completed the entire Driver Education program.

Students **MUST** complete the classroom requirements, obtain their learner's permit, complete 6 hours of Behind-the-Wheel instruction, receive their white card, complete the required supervised driving experience, and meet Minnesota's eligibility requirements before taking the road test.