



STEPINAC

DRIVER EDUCATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



REGISTRATION & SCHEDULING

- Q.** When can I register for the next semester?
- A.** An announcement will be posted on Instagram when the online registration form is available and it will be stated on the information flyer.
- Q.** I signed up to drive on Tuesdays at 5:40 PM, but I can't make it. Can I drive on Wednesday at the same time?
- A.** No. Whatever driving time you picked at registration, that is your slot for the entire semester.
- Q.** I normally go to lecture on Tuesday at 4:15 PM, but I can't make it. Can I go to lecture another day?
- A.** Yes. Lectures are flexible. In the fall & spring, the same lecture is given 7 times per week. You DO NOT need to notify anyone about what lecture you will or won't be attending.



DRIVING

- Q.** What if I can't make it to my scheduled driving time during the week?
- A.** You MUST notify your driving instructor that you won't make it, then talk to them about the make-up driving time.
- Q.** If I miss a driving day, do I need to reschedule the driving right away?
- A.** No. There are many ways to make up missed driving time. Please be patient and be guided by your driving instructor or driving school.
- Q.** I want to be in the same car as my friend. Can I switch into their car?
- A.** We will do our best to accommodate students being with their friends. However, ALL switches MUST be mutually agreed upon by the students during week 1 and MUST be approved by Mr. Moran.



AGE REQUIREMENT

- Q.** My child will turn 16 years old after the first day of the semester. Can I sign him/her up for that semester?
- A.** No. NYS Department of Education requires ALL students to be 16 years old by day one of the semester. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.



WEATHER

- Q.** Will Driver Ed be closed if it snows?
- A.** Yes. If the roads pose a hazard, we will cancel driving and/or lecture. "If it's snowin', we ain't goin'."



PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Q.** How will I know of any changes to the Driver Ed calendar?
- A.** Announcements will be made at lectures and posted on Google Classroom and Instagram.



LECTURES & MAKE-UPS

- Q.** What if I can't make it to any of the lectures during the week?
- A.** You MUST make up any missed lecture(s) before you can receive your completion certificate. There will be plenty of opportunities to make up missed lectures before the semester ends.
- Q.** How long are the lectures?
- A.** The duration of each lecture varies, but the average is 80 minutes per lecture. There is a total of 24 hours of classroom instruction.
- Q.** Can my child complete the program remotely or all-online?
- A.** No. The NYS Education Department changed the guidelines back to the way they were "Pre-COVID," where all classes are in-person.
- Q.** Can a student opt out of the driving portion?
- A.** No. As of June 30, 2023, the S.E.D. changed the guidelines back to the way they were "Pre-COVID," where all students must participate in both the driving and lecture portions of the program.



CERTIFICATES & LICENSING

- Q.** Is the 5-Hour Certificate (MV-278) included in the Driver Ed tuition?
- A.** Yes. The 5-Hour Certificate will be provided to any student who requests one, so they can schedule their road test before the semester is over.
- Q.** When can I get the 5-Hour Certificate?
- A.** Students can get the MV-278 after 5 hours of classroom instruction.
- Q.** I will be taking my road test after the completion of Driver Ed. Do I still need to get a 5-Hour Certificate?
- A.** No. The Course Completion Certification (formerly MV-285) supersedes the 5-Hour (MV-278) Certificate. However, you can't make your appointment until after you complete the program.
- Q.** When can students receive the Driver Ed completion letter?
- A.** The Driver Ed completion letter (formerly the MV-285 certificate) will be issued once the semester has ended, with successful completion of the program.
- Q.** When the course is over, do I have to go to the DMV to upgrade to a senior license?
- A.** No. The DMV will be notified electronically that you completed Driver Ed. On or soon after your 17th birthday, you will get the senior license in the mail. All students will get an information sheet at the end of the semester outlining how the process works.



PARENT ORIENTATION

- Q.** Do I have to attend the parent orientation?
- A.** Yes. A parent MUST attend the orientation. The purpose is to explain the program and how it works. Without an orientation, we would get hundreds of questions about the program. Students can also attend.



REFUNDS

- Q.** Can I get a refund?
- A.** Yes, up until the first day of the semester; however, a refund/transaction fee will be applied.



CONTACT

- Q.** If I have a question, can I call Mr. Moran?
- A.** It's preferable that all inquiries are via email. We typically have over 200 students enrolled in the program, which makes it extremely difficult to manage time making phone calls. If a phone conversation is necessary, of course we can talk.



For questions, please email: dmoran@stepinac.org
DO NOT CALL STEPINAC H.S. FOR INQUIRIES.