

Driver Education Guidelines and Information

2011-2012

Materials needed each day for classroom:

ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK

Text: Responsible Driving

Notebook

Pen or pencil

Any assignment that is due

Without these materials you are UNPREPARED for class.

Late Work: Work must be handed in when it is due. Late work will receive a score of zero. Assignments which are completed but have been left in the student's locker WILL be accepted ONLY IF the student brings the assignment to me IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASS. Assignments that are not handed in immediately after class will be considered missing and will receive a zero. If you don't hand in completed assignments on time, you will not be allowed to drive in your next scheduled driving lesson, and you will receive one "strike". **Driver education has a "three-strikes-and-you're-out" policy.**

Classroom

You must **complete and pass** 30 hours of classroom. Classroom attendance is a MUST if you expect to accumulate your 30 hours. This means you *can miss about 3 classes* and still complete the required 30 hours. If you miss 4 or 5 classes you will be required to attend a make-up class during semester exams week. If you miss 6 or more classes you will be dropped from the class with a grade of F. **Classroom will meet 2nd hour every day THIS week and next week**, but beginning the week of September 5th, you will report to study hall in the cafeteria with Mr. Armstrong for 2nd period on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and you will report here for driver education class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those of you who have no study halls or who have study hall 1st or 5th hours will do your driving during those 2nd hour study halls on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. If you have study hall 3rd, 4th, 6th, or 7th hour, you will most likely drive during that study hall.

Grading:

Tests: 30%

Daily: 20%

Driving: 50%

Driving

You will complete a variety of driving lessons including rural, highway, and city lessons. You will receive a grade for each driving lesson, and you must pass driving with a D- or higher or you will fail the course. (You MUST pass BOTH driving AND classroom.)

Driving will be graded using a negative scoring system as follows: (See the attached sample score sheet.)

0-6 points	A	Serious errors that result in immediate failure of driving lesson:
7-13 points	B	Traffic Violation
14-22 points	C	Accident (your fault or should have avoided)
23-30 points	D	Dangerous Action
31+ points or serious error	F	Lack of Cooperation

You must have **your** permit in your possession in order to drive. If you do not bring your permit to your driving lesson, you will not be allowed to drive, and you will receive one "strike".

On your THIRD strike, you will be dropped from the course with a grade of F. If you lose your permit or it becomes damaged, contact Mr. McLane immediately for instructions on getting a replacement.

"Three-strikes-and-you're-out" policy

The following will result in strikes:

1. Unexcused absence from school when scheduled to drive.
2. Your permit is not in your possession when scheduled to drive.
3. Student removed from driving lesson/classroom for disciplinary reasons or failure to complete assignment.

On your **THIRD STRIKE**, you will be **dropped from the course** with a grade of F.

Final Grade

Your final grade in this class will include both classroom and driving. Remember, you must pass **both** classroom and driving. There is no semester final exam in driver education.

I have read and I understand these guidelines. Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Driving Laws & Information Everyone Should Know

See our classroom Web site for more law updates!

Teens with permits may drive while supervised by a parent or legal guardian who is 21 years old or older, has an equal or greater license classification as the driver, and has held a valid license for at least one year.

1) Alcohol Use: Persons under 21 do not need to be in your vehicle to violate the Zero Tolerance Law. Possession of, consumption of, or attempt to purchase alcohol will result in a \$125 fine and loss of your license for ONE YEAR.

2) Parents should know that it is a Class 4 Felony, with a possible imprisonment of 1-3 years and a fine of up to \$25,000, to knowingly allow individuals under 21 to drink in their home if great bodily harm or death results from this action.

3) Drivers under age 19 **MAY NOT USE A CELL PHONE WHILE DRIVING** in Illinois. This is a moving violation.

4) Court Supervision Laws: You are allowed **TWO** court supervisions in your lifetime. Court supervisions in multiple Illinois counties are on record. Court supervision means your traffic violations are hidden from insurance companies so your rates don't go up. Court supervisions **ARE NOT** hidden from the Secretary of State's office! Also, a parent must go before the judge with the teen driver to in order for the teen to receive court supervision.

5) During the first 12 MONTHS of driving with your license, you are allowed only **ONE PERSON UNDER AGE 20** in your vehicle, unless they are your siblings or your own child. Passengers in violation of this law will also be ticketed.

6) **ONE BEER** shows on a breathalyzer no matter how much you weigh.

7) Driving Under the Influence (DUI) also includes any **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS** that impair your driving.

8) Your **BEHAVIOR**, not just odor of alcohol, can be probable cause to check you for DUI.

9) The message the Secretary of State is trying to send with DUI laws is **"DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!"**

10) Curfew: your driver's license **IS NOT VALID AFTER CURFEW** **and** your insurance company therefore will **NOT PAY** for costs of an accident. (Jobs/school & church activities are excused from the curfew law.) Curfew for teen drivers (16- and 17-year-olds) is 10 p.m. on weekdays and 11 p.m. on weekends.

11) A driver with a permit **CANNOT BE A DESIGNATED DRIVER** for someone who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. You could lose your driving privileges until you are 18.

12) Photo Radar is now being used in some Illinois construction zones. It takes a photo of the speeding car's license plate and driver. Violators will receive a citation in the mail.

13) Parents can access their teen's driving record online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

14) You must carry proof of auto insurance in your vehicle.

15) Driver education students must have their permit for 9 consecutive months with no convictions before they can get their initial license. If you receive a driving conviction, the 9 months starts over. After receiving your initial license, you must drive conviction free for six months to enter the full license phase in which Graduated Drivers License restrictions are dropped.

New Law That Went Into Effect January 1, 2010:

Texting while driving is illegal in Illinois; This Distracted Driving Law also makes illegal **ANY** use of a cell phone in a school zone or a construction zone. Drivers under 19 may not use a cell phone at all when driving except for emergency.