

DRIVER EDUCATION

Welcome to Driver Education

This Driver Education course is designed to teach you the skills, knowledge, judgment and attitude essential to safe and skillful driving. It consists of a minimum 33 hours classroom time and 12 hours in-car (6 hours observing and 6 hours driving.)

Attendance

Since this class issues an ODOT approved certificate we must ensure you meet state mandates. You are required to complete 33 hours of classroom time and 12 hours of in-car training. In short, you need to attend **all** of your classes. We understand your lives are busy. Please review your calendar when selecting your classroom and drive time to make sure there are no conflicts.

We cannot issue a certificate until you have successfully completed 33 hours of classroom and 12 hours of in-car time and state law requires that time is completed no less than 35 days and no more than 180 days from the start of your class.

Practice! Practice! Practice!

Parents: It is critical to have your student driver practice at home between classes. A regular and frequent home practice routine can make the difference between passing and failing the course.

Students: It is essential for you to practice your skills outside the class. We recommend a *minimum* of 2 hours per week home driving in order to improve your basic skills. (Please ask your co-pilot for their help during home practice drives. You will benefit from their driving experience.)



PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION

The first class session includes a segment for parents. Parents: please plan to arrive at 5:45 pm to join your student driver for the start of their first class. You will have an opportunity to discuss driving techniques, express concerns and ask the instructor any questions you may have about the program. We look forward to seeing you.



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Parents: To receive an ODOT certificate, your student driver must turn in proof of a minimum 5 hours home practice driving. (Driving logs will be handed out during the parent/student orientation.) You don't have to take your student driver into heavy traffic but home practice time is essential for their success.

Successful completion of this course requires a passing grade (80%) and the development of safe driving skills. We will be looking for the demonstration of responsible and safe student behavior in both the classroom and behind-the-wheel.

Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to show respect for their class and classmates by conducting themselves with maturity. If a student is suspended from class for the day, they'll be required to make up the full class session regardless of the time they were asked to leave. Once removed from the class, the student is required to call their parent or legal guardian for a ride home. If a student is suspended twice, they will be dropped from the program and will not qualify for a refund.

If a student is late for class, in addition to making up the time they have missed, they will also have to repeat the entire day's class.

Bring the required text, pen & paper to each class. You will need to complete classroom projects, quizzes and exams and may need to attend extracurricular activities specifically required for course completion. ***Remember to bring your permit to both classroom and behind-the-wheel!***



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Parents,

Please wait until the driving instructor is present before leaving. Although we make every effort to start and end our driving session on time, delays may occur due to congestion, construction and adverse traffic conditions.

BTW Requirements

Students must have a current permit and bring it to every class. Oregon law prohibits driving without a permit or license, so if you forget to bring yours we will consider you absent and require you to make up the class.

With the exception of water, consumption of food or beverages is not allowed in the Driver Education vehicles.

Smoking is not allowed in the cars or on school property. (And it's not good for you.)

Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes to your class. If you wear corrective lenses, they are required and sunglasses are highly recommended.

Every student must have a driving partner. If enrolled at a time that does not have another student, or if your partner drops, you may have to transfer into another behind-the-wheel session.

BTW Expectations

If you are suspended from a behind-the-wheel session, you will be returned to your pick-up location and asked to call your parents for a ride home. You will not be allowed back in the car unless authorized by your instructor. If you demonstrate - either verbally or physically - an irresponsible or dangerous driving attitude, you may be expelled from the class.

Arrive early for your drive class.

Many crashes happen because the driver, late for an appointment, takes risks to make up the time. You can avoid that by preplanning your arrival.

We will expect you to demonstrate safe driving tactics by arriving a few minutes before your lesson begins.

Tardy students also require everyone in the car to make up additional time. You will be charged a fee in order to cover the time missed for both you and your partner.

Please Remember

When you fail to attend your driving class, you not only affect yourself, but your instructor and your drive partner.

Because we require a minimum of two students in the car, if one is not present, we must cancel class for the other.

As a result, both drive partner and instructor have to reschedule in order to accommodate your absence.



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If you still find you are going to miss a driving session, arrangements can be made for a

SPECIAL MAKE UP SESSION BEHIND-THE-WHEEL

In the event you miss a behind-the-wheel session, arrangements may be made for a 60-minute make up session.

The fee is \$45.00 and pre-approval from your instructor is required.

Have Questions? Need Help?
Gladstone Community School
503-650-2570

IN THE EVENT OF A HOLIDAY

Since you must have a specific number of hours in class and BTW, if a holiday coincides with your regularly appointed behind-the-wheel or classroom time your instructor will discuss alternate make up days during your first class session. This may require you to attend a class on a day other than the one regularly scheduled, or the course might be extended for one week.

Need to Reach Your Instructor?

*If you have questions or concerns, please contact your instructor first. Your classroom instructor's phone number will be given out the first night of class. Your in-car instructor will contact you before your first drive session. (About the second week of class). **Please write down their names and contact information and keep it with your paperwork.***