



## Welcome to Gladstone Driver Education

This ODOT approved Driver Education course is designed to teach you the skills, knowledge, judgment and attitude essential to safe and skillful driving. The Program consists of a minimum 30 hours classroom time and 12 hours in-car (6 hours observing and 6 hours driving.)

### **DMV Waiver – Waive the drive lab when obtaining a driver’s license!**

The waiver program, which went into effect January 2014, is simply DMV’s formal acknowledgement that students who pass an approved ODOT Driver Education Program have already demonstrated that they meet minimum performance standards. This is named the Waiver Program because it completely waives the DMV test based on the strength of the Stat’s approved driver education program.

Students that pass the driver education program will receive a plastic ODOT Certificate of Completion Card. When the student goes to DMV to obtain their license, DMV will only have the student take the written knowledge test and will waive the drive lab!

### **Drivers Over 18, Turn 18 or Obtain License While Taking Class:**

The driver education program is a State subsidized program, and is only funded for students with permits and not for licensed drivers. If a student has a license, obtains their license while taking the class, is 18 or older before completion of the class, an additional \$210 will be charged. ***No waiver card is issued for any driver 18 or older.***

Driver education is a part of the process for obtaining a provisional license. 18 year olds do not have a provisional license. That is why the State does not cover students 18 years of age or older.

### **Attendance at all driving and classroom sessions is required.**

•This is a State of Oregon ODOT Safety class and 100% attendance is one of the requirements of completing the course.

•30 hours of Classroom time and 12 hours of in-car training are required.

•Missed classroom time must be made up and arranged with the classroom instructor.

•Make-up sessions for classroom will not require an additional fee as they are fulfilled during regularly scheduled class times. Students must make up any absences within 90 days of the start of the session they are enrolled in.

•If a Drive Lab is missed, a fee of \$60 may be charged to make up the Drive Lab.

**\*\*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

### **Parent/Student Orientation**

**There will be a mandatory Parent/Student Orientation on the first night from 6:00-8:00 PM at Gladstone High School.**

**Please plan on staying for the whole 2 hours to familiarize yourself and your student with the program.**

**Parents: Please remember to bring any required paperwork.**

**Students: Please bring your permit!**

### **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 1-2 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.)

## Classroom Expectations

- Student will be expected to be in their seat on time with driver education materials, and writing utensil.
- Student will need to complete classroom projects, quizzes and exams.
- Student will be expected to be involved in a variety of class activities. Listen politely when others are talking.
- Respect the rights of others to learn in this classroom. If student is disruptive to instructor and/or other students in the classroom, student can be asked to leave the class. Time missed in classroom must be made up in another program or another classroom day offered by our program.
- If disruptive behavior continues or becomes unsafe to others, student can also be asked not to return to the program. There is no refund.



## Behind-the-Wheel Expectations

- No cell phone use during drive lab by student observer or student driver.
- Student will be expected to be on time with permit and ready to drive. Oregon law prohibits driving without a permit or license. 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 vehicle. Smoking is **NEVER** allowed.
- Student will be expected to participate in driving activities and observation activities.
- Student will be expected to respect and politely listen in addition to understanding that each student comes with a different level of driving skills.
- Student must take direction from instructor during drive lab in a safe manner by listening and responding appropriately.
- With Parent/Guardian participation, student is expected to practice at least one hour in between each scheduled drive lab using the student/parent practice sheets and drive routes.
- Instructor can postpone any drive lab and/or final drive assessment if student assessment shows student not ready to move to next drive assessment. Fee can be incurred.
- **If you are suspended from a BTW session, you will be returned to your pick up location and asked to call for a ride home. You will not be allowed back in the car unless authorized by your instructor. If you demonstrate irresponsible or dangerous driving attitude, you will be expelled from the class with no refund.**

**Successful completion of this course requires a passing grade (80%), 30 hours of classroom time and 12 hours of in car training (6 hrs behind the wheel and 6 hrs observing).**

**All required paperwork must be turned in and signed before a waiver card or certificate of completion (18+) will be issued.**

### Refund Policy:

Full refunds will be given for requests received at least TWO weeks before class begins.

There will be a \$50 fee assessed to any refund request received after that time.

Once class has begun, no refunds are available. If you have questions, please call 503-650-2570.