

Nashua High School Driver Education Policy

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PROGRAM COSTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LOTTERY

- a) The Driver Education program is provided to Nashua High School students and Home School students who are registered through the Nashua school system.
- b) Fee: \$450.00 Nashua residents. Make checks payable to the Nashua School District. Payment in full is due at the lottery drawing. A \$25.00 fee is charged for checks returned due to insufficient funds. NO REFUNDS will be approved after the second class meeting.
- c) Bring a photo copy of your birth certificate or an official document stating your whole legal name (first name, middle name and last name) and date of birth to the lottery. If you bring an original document it will be retained until the first class so that we can make a copy of it. The state requires the presentation of this document. We are not responsible for lost documents.

EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM

- a) Complete 30 hours of classroom study, 10 hours of driving instruction, and 6 hours of observation time.
- b) Pass the combined classroom and roadwork instruction with a letter grade of D- or better.
- c) Students will receive completed paper work after exams have been tabulated and a passing grade is verified. Students who do not pass the course have the option to re-enter the lottery system for the next driver education session. Repeating students will be charged the full \$450.00 fee again. A \$25.00 fee will be charged for replacing lost completion papers.

CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE PROGRAM

- a) **NOTE: As stated in the *State of NH Driver Education Rule Saf-C 3114.04 Section (e)*, No classroom instruction shall be missed during any course, except for good cause as determined by the instructor, including a death in the family or injury. Absences due to good cause shall not exceed 4 hours. Students missing more than 4 clock hours shall be dropped from the program. There is no refund if dropped from the program.** No class time, driving hours, or cash credit may be carried forward into a new course. Students are expected to attend the full two hours of class. Any missed classes must be promptly made up through an outside assignment(s). Being absent from school is not an excused absence from the driving appointments or classroom attendance. If dropped from the program students will be allowed to re-enroll in a like course within six months from the last date of their original course in the same school. This means starting over with a new course and new payment.
- b) Attending class or behind the wheel sessions under the influence of drugs, including alcohol.
- c) Refusal to take an alcohol swab test if requested by the instructor.

EXPECTED PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- a) Inform the classroom and driving instructor of any medical or learning conditions that may impact your son or daughter's ability to operate a vehicle.
- b) Practice driving with your son or daughter a minimum of 2 hours a week. Practice sessions should repeat skills taught in class.
- c) Model safe driving behaviors.
- d) Attend last ½ hour of first class if possible for a program overview.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- a) Students should come to class on time with their DMV manual and text book.
- b) NO SMOKING on school grounds or in the Driver Education vehicles. All school rules apply during our program.
- c) Plan to purchase and consume any food or beverages before class and ONLY in the cafeteria.
- d) The school's Extended Day Detention (EDD) session takes precedence during our program. Students experiencing this situation may not attend class or drive until the suspension time is up. Remember, this may cause a conflict with the program rules.
- e) Turn off phones during class. Additional observing may be required per incident if phones sound in the car.
- f) Classroom and/or driving sessions may be cancelled due to instructors attending their school's teacher meetings, illness, and recertification requirements. This may delay the classroom and/or driving completion date.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- a) Students must have a cumulative grade of D- (60%) on all written work.
- b) Students must demonstrate consistent use of the following concepts while operating a motor vehicle:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-drive procedures: vehicle controls, door locks and head restraints, headlights on at all times and use of safety restraints | <input type="checkbox"/> Line of sight/path of travel concepts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual skills necessary to obtain correct information required to make reduced-risk decisions and avoid conflict | <input type="checkbox"/> Model driving habits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Starting, stopping, backing | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual referencing skills, fender judgment and precise vehicle positioning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Push/pull and hand-over-hand steering | <input type="checkbox"/> Three-point turnabouts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rules of the road and yielding right-of-way | <input type="checkbox"/> Time and space management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle position and speed control options | <input type="checkbox"/> Entering and exiting an intersection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pulling to and from the curb and parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Entering and exiting curves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle balance concepts | <input type="checkbox"/> Lane changes, Merging and Passing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mirror usage | <input type="checkbox"/> Turns in traffic and city driving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Targeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Simulated mechanical failures, traction loss and emergency procedures |

DRIVING RULES

- a) Students are assigned a driving instructor. No changes in instructors can be allowed. Students are required to perform all driving tasks as directed by the driving instructor during 10 hours of road work.
- b) Driving schedules are arranged during the first class and driving usually begins promptly after the first class meeting. To complete the course in a timely fashion expect to drive at least one day per week on a different day from class. Currently, you are permitted to drive two hours per week, one hour per day. After six driving hours instructors may schedule two hours back to back; but still not more than two hours per week.
- c) Keep your driving appointments. Being late by 5 minutes will result in receiving a \$25.00 NO SHOW fee payable to the Nashua School District. When scheduled to observe and drive, students who miss their driving hour may wait and be picked up at the end of the first hour to complete their driving hour. This may avoid the missed appointment fee, but may not always be possible and requires rescheduling an observation hour.
- d) Meet your driving instructor at the Student Drop Off area at the Nashua High School North main entrance.
- e) Observation hours will not count for those who sleep.
- f) Should you need to cancel a driving lesson tell your driving instructor in person at least 24 hours in advance.
 - Mr. Lancourt (lancourtr@aol.com or lancourtr@nashua.edu).
 - Mrs. Bodden (boddenv@nashua.edu)
 - Mr. Beaulieu (beaulieuma@nashua.edu)
 - Mr. Westervelt (westerveltg@nashua.edu)
 - Renee Santos (santosr@nashua.edu) at Nashua High School North (966-2420). She can forward the message if given enough time. Short notice will result in paying a \$25.00 no-show fee unless arrangements have been made for another student to cover your time.
- g) Your driving time will be given to someone else should you not show, with or without advanced notice, more than two times. Students will be rescheduled as soon as a driving time becomes available.
- h) Driving will continue as scheduled unless you are notified by your driving instructor.
- i) Listen closely to any announcements regarding Driver Education cancellations in case of inclement weather.

NOTE: Those who fail to return the textbook will be charged a \$20.00 book fee.

Revisions in the sign-up process and program are possible with each new class.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please print child/student name here: _____

Your signature indicates that you have read and understand these policies and have made sure that your son or daughter understands them fully. This sheet must be returned to the classroom instructor before your student can be scheduled for In Car Instruction.