

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Driver's Education

Mrs. Eva McGill

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Description:

Grade 9

1 Semester

The student will receive at least 30 hours of classroom instruction. The course is designed to help the beginner become a skilled and responsible driver. In order to receive instruction permits, the students will be required to pass the written state test. The current fee for the state test is \$20.00. A student must have earned 8 semester classes to take Driver Education. Exemptions may be considered for qualifying transfer students.
Behind-the-Wheel Fee

Course Objectives:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to pass the State of Illinois written driving exam to obtain their instruction permit. Ultimately, they should be able to successfully complete the behind-the-wheel portion, obtain their driver's license and be safe drivers on our roadways. Our students will be able to take their knowledge to help them make safe choices as drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and other roadway users.

Required Class Materials:

- pen/pencil
- notebook paper
- folder for returned work
- textbook

Text:

- Responsible Driving by Glencoe
- Drive Right – student will use this book in class only

Course Outline:

I. Foundations of Driving

- A. Driving and Mobility
- B. Administrative and Traffic Laws
- C. Signs, Signals, Pavement Markings

II. Basic Vehicle Control

- A. Vehicle Systems
- B. Checks Prior to Driving
- C. Basic Control Tasks

III. IPDE Process

- A. Identifying Hazards
- B. Predicting Actions of Others
- C. Predicting Vehicle Control
- D. Deciding the Best Course of Action
- E. How to Execute the Decision

IV. Applying Effective Driving

- A. Basic Maneuvers
- B. Environments and Traffic Settings
- C. Intersections
- D. Sharing the Roadway

V. Challenges to Vehicle Control

- A. Light and Weather Conditions
- B. Environmental Challenges
- C. Vehicular Emergencies

VI. Driving Readiness

- A. Physical Readiness
- B. Psychological and Social Readiness
- C. Handling Social Pressures
- D. Vehicle Readiness
- E. Travel and Map Reading

Major Assignments:

- Sign Scavenger Hunt – due beginning of February
- State Written test (for permit) – end of February or beginning of March
- Map Project – due in March

Grading:

The grading scale for this class is the same as stated in the CHS handbook. Grading will be point based. Categories of work will include tests, quizzes, homework, and projects. Each are worth points based on the number of questions, quality of work, and amount of work required.

Class Policies & Procedures:

I expect all students to:

1. Bring needed materials to every class.
2. Be in the classroom and seated when the bell rings.
3. Be courteous to others.
4. Keep a classmate's confidentiality when they share personal thoughts and stories.
5. Bring a smile, good attitude, and good behavior.

Students must be in attendance to receive credit for this class. Extra days have been added to this class to enable students to miss three days while still satisfying the 30 hour requirement by the state. If a student misses more than

three days of class (absent, ISS, field trip, etc.), the student can be sent back to PE and will have to wait until the following year to complete the classroom portion.

For behind-the-wheel instruction, students will be taken out of PE/PD in order of birth date, who has their permit, and who has driving experience with parents. Students must practice driving with their parents and accumulate a minimum of 50 hours of driving with at least 10 hours of the 50 taking place at night. Students must complete a minimum of 6 hours of behind-the-wheel with a certified driving instructor.

Miscellaneous:

Students must be 15 and enrolled in a Driver Education class in order to take the state test for their permit. The state does charge a fee for the test. Students may be required to go to the Secretary of State office to obtain their permit if the test is not offered during the class or if the student does not meet the requirements. Students must pass the classroom portion to obtain their permit. The teacher will hold the permit for students in jeopardy of not passing the class until the classroom portion is complete and the grades are finalized.

Students are removed from PE/PD for the behind-the-wheel portion. Students must have their permit with them in order to drive and should have some driving experience with their parent(s) before driving with the instructor.

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