

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Behind-the-Wheel (BTW)

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**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 successfully pass the state driving test, obtain a valid driver's license in the state of Illinois, and be a safe, responsible driver on our roadways.

**Required Class Materials:**

- State of Illinois instruction permit
- Glasses or contacts (if needed)
- At least 5-10 hours of behind-the-wheel experience with a parent/guardian
- Car and gas is provided

**Text:**

Rules of the Road booklet from Secretary of State Office is used for reference only.

**Course Outline:**

<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>OBJECTIVE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION (subject to change)</u></b>
1	Intro to car Left and right turns  Stop and yield signs  Hand-over-hand steering	Clifton and Ashkum
2	Two lane highway Intro to stoplights  Left turn lanes	Watseka or Onarga

3	Two lane highway Turnabouts	Kankakee
	Residential driving	
4	Intro to interstate driving	I-57
5	Interstate	I-57
	Four lane highway	
	One way streets	
6	Parking: angle	Clifton
	perpendicular	
	parallel	
	uphill and downhill	
7	Review for test	Kankakee
8	Road Test	Kankakee (according to State approved route)

### **Major Assignments:**

Students are expected to practice the skills learned in behind-the-wheel while driving with their parents. It will be apparent if a student has or has not been practicing and can affect their overall success in this class.

Central High School is a cooperative school with the Secretary of State office which means we are certified to give the state driving test. The cooperative test only applies to those students that have earned a "A" or "B" in the classroom portion of driver's education. If a student is eligible for the cooperative test and passes, they may not have to take the driving test at the DMV. If a student is eligible for the cooperative test and does not pass or if the student has earned a "C" or "D" in the class, they will have to take the driving exam at the DMV to obtain their driver's license. The driving test will be given to all students on the final day of behind-the-wheel regardless.

### **Grading:**

This class is pass/fail and is determined based on the students performance each day and ultimately on the driving test.

### **Class Policies & Procedures:**

Students will be taken out of their PE/PD class based on birthdate and previous driving experience for behind-the-wheel. If a student does not have their permit, they will NOT be permitted to drive the car and will be left in PE/PD for class. ALL students should be prepared to drive but also prepared for PE/PD by bringing their permit and their PE/PD uniform to class EACH day. Students are generally kept together as partners. If their partner is absent, they will likely not drive that day and will need to be able to participate in PE/PD for their grade in that class. If the teacher is absent, students need to be prepared to participate in PE/PD for class that day.

## **Miscellaneous:**

Upon completion of behind-the-wheel, the student will be eligible to obtain their driver's license. Students should do the following to make the process easier:

Check for Permit Status

- Go to [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net)
- Find the "Parents/Students" tab and click on the "A-Z Index"
- Click on "D" or scroll down to the "D" listing
- Click on "Driver Education Student License Inquiry".
- Type in your permit number and click on "search".
- If you get a green "Eligible" and you have had your permit for at least nine months, and you are 16 years old, you may go to the Watseka or Bradley DMV to get your license. You must bring with you the following items:
  1. Your parent/guardian
  2. Your permit
  3. Your social security card
  4. Your official birth certificate (no cute little footprints!)
  5. A proof of address (utility bill; bank statement; etc)
  6. 50 hour parent log of your driving
  7. Your cooperative driving test form signed by your instructor (if this applies to you)
  8. A car you are comfortable driving that has current license, registration, proof of insurance, and is in good working order (check the lights, horn, mirrors).
- If you get anything with red wording, please contact your instructor.

For information on the Graduated Driver License (GDL) program, please go to: <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com>  
At this website, you will find the answers to many of your Driver Education questions. Please contact any of us if you have further questions about the Driver Education program at Central High School.

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