

Welcome to Arlington's Driver Education Program - Fall 2021

REGISTRATION:

DRIVER ED is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have a valid permit. **Before** you register to take the course, both student and parent are required to attend a mandatory ZOOM conference call on **Wednesday, September 8 or Monday, September 13 from 7 - 8pm**. This will be an information/orientation meeting that will detail the rules, regulations and requirements of the Driver Ed program. You must register to attend Driver Ed Info Zoom Meeting: @<https://arlingtonschools.revtrak.net> for an invitation to attend. Invitations with ZOOM link will be sent out the morning of the ZOOM conference.

DRIVER ED PROGRAM

Driver Education is a 48 hour program consisting of 16 - 1 ½ hr Lecture classes and 16 - 1 ½ hr Driving sessions. Why take Driver Education? Students who take Driver Education are given the tools to understand and follow the rules of the road and to make good decisions so that they will become safe and focused drivers. 85% of those who take Driver Education are deemed safer drivers than those who don't. At the completion of the course, students will receive their MV285 which they can use to book their road test. Once they have passed their road test, they are entitled to receive insurance discounts (depending on your insurance company), and once they are 17, obtain their senior license.

LECTURE:

1. Unlike traditional Driver Education, the lecture portion of the program will be taught completely **online** by one of our certified mastered secondary teachers certified to teach Driver Education.
2. Students will get a text book and then will attend online classes, complete online quizzes as well as watch videos, presentations and have class discussions; again, all in an online setting.
3. Students will choose to take their Lecture classes *Tuesdays (beginning September 28) from 4:30 - 6pm or 6:30 - 8pm or Wednesdays (beginning September 29) from 6:30 - 8pm*.
4. Links will be emailed to all students a few days prior to the start of class.

DRIVING:

What is also different, is that you, the parent/guardian, will be given the task of teaching your teen how to drive (physically maneuver the vehicle). This will include everything from entering the vehicle, understanding the dashboard, adjusting seats, mirrors, etc, to driving on different roads, changing lanes, signaling, accelerating, parallel parking and braking to vehicle inspection, how to fill the tank, how to read and react to road conditions and more. What we have all come to take for granted, that has become automatic pilot for us, is uncharted waters that you will help your teen navigate.

1. You, the parent/guardian, will be teaching your student from the ground up. How to information and online information will be included in your child's Parent packet.
2. You may hire a driving school to teach a few hours of driving lessons, but as you will see in your information packet, there is more than just the physical driving that needs to be reviewed in the driving portion of Driver Education.
3. You will drive with your student 2 - 3 times per week, a minimum of 1 ½ hrs per week. You will submit your student's weekly progress information online.
4. Parents will be sent links to set up a google doc to record the student's Driver Ed driving and **must be recorded weekly**.
5. Driving done prior to September 28 will not count towards your 24 Driver Education, but does count towards your student's 50 hour minimum required to take their road test.

Only those who have attended the information/orientation meeting, may register for Driver Ed Classes: <https://arlingtonschools.revtrak.net> between **September 16 - September 20**.

Course Fee: \$125.00 per Arlington student \$165.00 per Non-Arlington Resident student

Student books and Parent packets will be available for pickup *on Wednesday, September 22 or Friday, September 24 from 3 - 6pm* at the main entrance of AHS.