



Driver Education – 2021



The following is information about Driver Education for the summer of 2021.

Eligibility: Any student who is at least 14 years old and has completed the 8th grade. Students must turn 14 by May 20 to be eligible.

Classroom starts: Monday, May 24 at Riley County High School. Students need to go to the south gym on the first day. We will divide the classes in the gym and then go to our individual classrooms.

Instructors: Mr. Wagner, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Taphorn.

Classroom: Monday, May 24 through Tuesday, June 1st. 8AM to 10AM. (We will not have class or drive on Memorial Day) There will be 6 classroom sessions lasting two hours each. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. We cannot allow exceptions. **Any camps, athletic events, vacations etc. will need to be arranged around the Driver Education classroom schedule.**

Every student will drive 5 sessions lasting 2.5 hours. The last session will be a longer session. We will align driving groups and times shortly after we finish enrollment. We try to arrange instructors and driving groups by geographical location. Once we have the driving groups and times arranged we will be in contact with students and parents.

Where: Classes will meet at **Riley County High School. Parents are responsible for getting the students to and from the classroom sessions.** If the student drives immediately after the classroom session, we will drop them off at home. Once the driving schedules are set, **we will pick students up, and drop them off at their homes on the days they drive.**

Students cannot get their restricted license until they have had an instructional permit for 1 year. Once your child turns 14 we recommend you get a learners permit. Your child will have to pass the written test given by the Driver's License Examiner in order to receive a learner's permit.

All students will have to pass a written test in our Driver Education class before they can drive with the Driver Education teacher. We will cover the test and administer the test the first day of class. Student and Parent Permit options explained:

Option 1: Students get an instructional permit once they turn 14. Students will go with their parents to the driver examiner and pass a written test over the driving handbook. You can get a driving handbook from the driver's examiners station. This will allow students to get a little practice before taking Driver Education and will allow them to get a restricted license sooner.

Option 2: Students wait until they take Driver Education to get a permit. In this case, the Driver Education instructors will work with the students to fill out a DE99 form that will allow students to drive with the instructor (and parent) during the time the students are actively taking the Driver Education class. Once the students complete the class, students will be issued a "certificate of completion" by the instructor, which will allow them to get an instructional permit.

There is a sign up sheet in the office at the high school and middle school. **If you expect to participate in Driver's Education this summer please sign up in the office at the high school. If you attend the Middle School, sign up at the Middle School Office. Deadline to sign up is Friday, April 9.** Shortly after the sign up deadline, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Taphorn will contact the students to fill out a form to apply for a Driver's Ed. permit. If you currently have an instructional permit, please put down your permit number, and expiration date on the form when you sign up. Everyone taking Driver's Education will get a Driver's Education Instructional Permit. The school nurses will conduct eye exams. If there is a problem, parents will be notified. The students must have vision corrected before permits are issued. After we determine the roster for the class, we will assign students into sessions and driving groups. You will be notified of your driving group and times by early May.

There is a \$100.00 Drivers Education Fee. This fee must be paid by the first day of class, May 24, 2021. **Please understand that your child cannot participate if the fee is not paid.** Please note, this fee can be paid online or through the high school, grade school or district office. **Because of scheduling concerns, we will not allow students to participate in Driver's Ed this summer if they have not signed up during our sign up period. If you have questions, you may contact Steve Wagner at swagner@usd378.org**