



HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please read and discuss the criteria listed below with your child *prior* to signing this form. It is important for your child to understand the responsibility and ramifications that he/she is undertaking by enrolling in driver education.

Students wishing to participate in the driver education program must return this application to Mrs. Malandrucolo in Room 200 with a copy of their permit and payment, by 2:15 P.M. on September 9, 2022.

Driver Education classes will start Monday September 19th or Tuesday September 20th.

Eligible pupils are those who possess a learner's permit, are in 10th, 11th or 12th grade, and are in good academic standing. Students will be assigned classes based on chronological order of their date of birth, and on a first come, first served basis. A copy of the **learner's permit** and \$140 registration fee **must** accompany the pupil's application at the time of submission. **(CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED - MAKE MONEY ORDER OR CERTIFIED CHECK payable to HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS).** After a student has been admitted to the program, **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED.**

It is most important that students and parents understand the attendance requirements that exist for this one-semester program. To successfully complete Driver Education, each student must meet the following minimal time requirements, as prescribed by New York State

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION	24 Hours
CAR INSTRUCTION (with parent/guardian)	24 Hours

When a student is absent from any session, it must be made up within that month. It is the pupil's responsibility to find an opening in a session. If the session is not made up within the month, the pupil must attend an emergency make-up session at the end of the course. This opportunity will be available to make up only a **single** class session. The student will be dropped from the class upon the **third absence**, and any absences that are not made up will result in the student being dropped from the program with **NO REFUND.**

In accordance with New York State Education Department guidelines, **NO CREDIT TOWARD GRADUATION** can be earned by pupils enrolled in a driver education program with a tuition fee.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms of enrollment for the Hauppauge H.S. Drivers Ed Program and give my permission for my child's enrollment.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature



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Driver Education Spring 2022 Schedule

All 2:20 - 3:50 lectures will be taking place in Room 352.

All 4:30 and 6:00 lectures will be held virtually via Google Meet, using the Meet link embedded within the Driver Education Google Classroom.

All students accepted into the program will receive the Google Classroom code.

Group	Monday/Wednesday		Tuesday/Thursday	
Lecture Dates 16 classes	September 19 & 21		September 20 & 22	
	September 28		September 29	
	October 3		October 4 & 6	
	October 12		October 11 & 13	
	October 17 & 19		October 18 & 20	
	October 24 & 26		October 25 & 27	
	October 31		November 1 & 3	
	November 2		November 10	
	November 7 & 9		November 15 & 17	
	November 14 & 16			
	November 21			
	*November 22nd	*MAKEUP	*November 22nd	



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DRIVER EDUCATION PERMISSION SLIP/LIABILITY WAIVER

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (NYSDMV) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) have allowed for the temporary resumption of Driver and Traffic Safety Education (DTSE). They have allowed the option for students to complete their required 24 hours in-car training under the direct supervision of a parent/guardian.

By Signing this document I affirm that:

- The driver conducting in-car training with my child holds a valid New York State Driver's License.
- The car in which my child is receiving in-car training is currently legally registered, inspected, and fully insured.
- I assume full responsibility for the health and safety of my child while they are receiving in-car training under my supervision
- The Hauppauge Union Free School District and their employees are held harmless while my child is receiving in-car training under my supervision.

 Parent Name (Please Print)

 Parent Signature

 Student Name (Please Print)

 Date

Please bring this signed copy to Room 249 and save a copy for your records.



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Teaching Your Teen To Drive: Checklist

Submitted upon completion; does *not* need to be handed in before the program begins

DIRECTIONS: Attached you will find a checklist of Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced skills. As you progress through your lessons, note when a particular skill has been completed to the satisfaction of the adult supervisor providing the instruction. Upon completion of the checklist, please fill in the required student information, have it signed and dated by the student's parent/guardian and return it to the High School office from which it was received.

EXPLANATION: Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, in order to allow our students to proceed with their Driver and Traffic Safety Education (DTSE) course, the NYSDMV and NYSED have allowed a student's parent/guardian to attest to the completion of the required hours in-vehicle instruction. The DTSE course requires that a student complete 6 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and 18 hours of active observation of others driving in their car for a total of 24 hours of instruction. Over the course of several weeks a student will cover the checklist of skills referenced above. A student and their parent/guardian will now keep track of the student's driving time which must total at least 6 hours. In addition, they will track the time a student is a passenger in their parent/guardian's car receiving instruction which must total at least 18 hours. Students who were enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester of DTSE completed several lessons with their driving instructor before the program was shut down. Parents/guardians should include this time toward the required hours.

FURTHER RESOURCES: New York State has prepared an excellent resource to help parents/guardians train their student-drivers: "The Parent's Guide to Teen Driving." This booklet, available on the DMV website in pdf format, confirms what major studies have shown: Parents/guardians are the most significant factor in developing the skills and attitudes of teen drivers. It offers practical advice on how to advance through the skills and attitudes required for safe driving. Please make every effort to avail yourselves of this resource.

Professional Driving schools are still open and are offering private driving lessons for a fee. At their discretion, considering health and safety factors, parents/guardians may wish to explore this option.

In addition, in order for a 16- or 17-year-old student to take a Road Test, NYS requires parents/guardians to sign an MV-262 document that attests to the completion of 50 hours of supervised driving with 15 of those total hours occurring after sunset. The 6 driving hours completed in DTSE can count towards these 50 driving hours.

REFLECTIONS: These are unprecedented and challenging times requiring all of us to adapt to our changing environment. Getting a driver's license is still a rite of passage, celebrated and feared by students and parents. Celebrated by students for the status, mobility and convenience it provides. Feared by parents/guardians because of the great risks it poses. Please safely progress through your lessons carefully with all the thoughtfulness they require.



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Student Name(Print Clearly): _____

NEW DRIVER CHECKLIST

BASIC SKILLS

<u>Skill</u>	<u>Completed</u>
--Carrying appropriate documentation	_____
--Review instrument panel: location and function of gauges	_____
--Posture, seat belt, steering wheel, mirror, and seat adjustment	_____
--Starting the vehicle	_____
--Review knowledge of road signs, signals, and lane markings	_____
--Starts and stops smoothly: open parking lot good place to start	_____
--Steers vehicle smoothly and accurately	_____

INTERMEDIATE SKILLS

<u>Skill</u>	<u>Completed</u>
--Local, light traffic	_____
--Displays proper scanning skills: "Commentary driving--what do you see?"	_____
--Maintains "3-second safety distance" between vehicles	_____
--Yields the right of way, follow all traffic laws	_____



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- Uses proper signaling _____
- Displays Defensive-Driving observation skills _____
- Straight-in, perpendicular parking _____
- Moderate traffic and lane changing: check blind spots _____
- Night driving: minimum 15 hours after sunset before the Road Test _____

ADVANCED SKILLS

- | <u>Skill</u> | <u>Completed</u> |
|---|------------------|
| --Heavy traffic: maintain proper distance | _____ |
| --Lane changing: check blind spots | _____ |
| --Parallel Parking: Maintain proper spacing and control | _____ |
| --3 Point turn: display proper observation throughout | _____ |
| --Expressway driving: merging, maintaining proper speed and lane position and exiting at proper speed | _____ |
| --Driving In all types of weather conditions | _____ |



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SPECIAL NOTE TO STUDENTS

The above list of skills and abilities is not intended to reflect every possible driving scenario. As you drive, the combination of your interactions with the Highway Transportation System (people, roadways, and vehicles) are virtually limitless. It's anticipated, however, that while you develop and apply these skills, abilities, and attitudes, you will improve your ability to safely navigate your vehicle. Completing a Driver's Education course is not the end of your learning experience. The long road of life ahead will be your constant teacher.

Parent/ Guardian Affirmation: I hereby attest that my child has completed the checklist above and has completed at least 6 hours of in-car training and 18 hours of in-car observation. I agree that all driving conducted with my child was at my own risk and discretion.

Student Name (Print Neatly)

School

Parent/Guardian Name (Print Neatly)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Contact Phone Number

Please submit a copy of this affirmation, along with your completed checklist, to Mr. Trupia or Mrs. Malandruccolo in Room 200.