

Boca Ciega High School Drivers Education-Syllabus

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Course Description

Welcome to Driver Education!! The purpose of this classroom/lab course is to assist you in developing the appropriate skills, knowledge, and attitude to be a safe and responsible driver throughout your life. Driving an automobile is a serious task and a huge responsibility. After securing a Florida Driver's License, it should be respected and protected. Driving is considered a privilege and student/driver safety is our number one priority.

The driver education course at Boca Ciega High School is considered an introductory level course that will expose students to the highway transportation system. Students will participate in a classroom experience, as well as, a hands-on learning environment that will include behind the wheel driving lessons. Students may go from no licenses upon entry to the class to an Operator's License waive at the end of the course.

Class Size Capped

The recommended class size for this course is 16 students. **The first 16 students that produce a license to the instructor will remain in the course for the duration of the semester.** Students that do not secure a license due to poor test scores, financial issues with the DMV, or some personal issue will be schedule changed out of the course. Due to the fact that our program is considered a traditional non range school, all of our driving lessons will occur on the streets of St.Petersburg. Therefore, we can only work with a limited number of students to provide a quality experience and meet licensing requirements.

DATE Certification , State Restricted License, and Operator Licensing Procedure

One advantage of enrolling in the driver education course is that students will have an opportunity to earn a waiver for a learner's permit, as well as, an operator's license here at Boca Ciega High School. All testing can be done at the school which can eliminate numerous trips to the DMV. However, the student will need to go to the DMV office to actually secure their license – the school cannot issue the picture license. It is the expectation that all students enrolled in driver education will secure a license. Failure to do so may result in the student being withdrawn from the course or possible failure of the course.

Students will be given two attempts at each testing level. Except the Driving skills test, unless time permits to give all students a second attempt.

Students who do not enter the course with a valid **learners permit** will be given an opportunity to earn a waiver for a restricted license through satisfactory completion of the D.A.T.E program and the Florida State Restricted License Test. For DATE certification, Students must complete the 4 hour course time and successfully pass a 25 question written test. A passing DATE test score is 70% or better while a passing state restricted license test sore is a 40/50. Students will be evaluated on information that pertains to alcohol and other drugs and driving for DATE certification. Students must also show proficiency of Florida Road Rules, Traffic Laws, and Traffic Signs in the form of the ADLTS computer based State Restricted or Learners License test. Students that successfully pass both tests will be issued a test verification notice that will permit them to go to the DMV and secure a learners permit. They will not be tested again at the DMV !!!

There is no cost associated with any test given at school. However, the cost incurred to secure a license is established by the DMV and must be incurred by the student. Please refer to the Florida Driver Handbook for prices.

Gather , Go , Get (Securing a restricted or Learners License at the DMV or Tax Collectors Office)

This refers to the documentation that each and every student seeking a license must take with them to the DMV to secure a license. The student will need:

2 Forms of ID – recommended original birth certificate and social security card

2 Proof of Residency – water bill, electric bill, or car registration are most common

Parent or Legal Guardian – must go with the student to sign for the license

Glasses – if you need them to read you will be given a one line eye test reading

Payment – Cash or major credit card are the only accepted forms of payment (No Checks)

Test Verification Notice – given to the student with your testing information

Operators License

For most cases the DMV requires students to have a restricted license for one year prior to moving on to an Operator's License. However, driver education students can take the driving test at school and earn a waiver of the driving test. The students will complete the test at school. Although, a successful test score will not exempt the student from the one year wait period it should exempt them from taking the test at the DMV.

So, near the end of the course, students will also be afforded an opportunity to take The Florida Operators Drivers Licensing test provided certain classroom criteria are met. This driving road test will be given in accordance with state standards and road laws provide by the DMV. The student will be given this opportunity to secure an Operators License waiver provided the following requirements.

1. A combined grade overall grade of 70% or higher for the semester.
2. Completion of 10 hour driving log signed by parents.
3. Attendance: Over 10 absences may result in a loss of waiver
4. Students must display positive character and safe driving philosophy
5. Grade of 70% or higher on State Skills Driving test.

**** Teacher Discretion – the teacher will reserve the right to void any waiver if a student does not display the maturity or a proper attitude toward the responsibility of having a license.**

Daily Class Requirement's

Students are expected to bring the following materials to class everyday:

1. Supplies (notebook, driving log, pen, pencil)
2. Bring your driver's license to class
3. Appropriate footwear ... **NO SANDLES OR SHOWER SHOES**
4. Positive behavior

Grading Policy

All work will have numerical value. Six week grades will be based on the county scale and will be comprised of homework assignments, class project, articles, driving log, class participation, driving, quizzes, and tests.

Student Binder

All students at Boca Ciega High School are required to keep a binder of their work. This binder check will be 15% of the students overall class grade. Students will be graded in 3 areas.

Binder Check 15%
Class Test 40%
Driving Grades 45%

Grading Scale

90-100 A

80-89 B

70-79 C

60-69 D

59-0 F

Contact Teacher

All students will be required to secure a contact teacher. A contact teacher will be used for students on the days in which they do not drive. Students will be required to report to this teacher when it is not their driving days. However, students will always report to the driver education classroom prior to being released to your contact teacher. If you are caught skipping, that could result in a loss of your opportunity to earn a waiver away and an automatic F.

Class Procedures

1. Be on time
2. Raise your hand if you have a question or contribute to discussion
3. Stay on task
4. Respect others
5. Complete assignments on time

Road Procedures

Students will be scheduled to drive on the road a minimum of six (6) times during the semester. This may be dependent on weather conditions, etc. Due to the number of students in the class, a student who is absent from the class will be given an opportunity to make up their driving lesson upon their return to the class. However, a student who is unprepared to drive (no permit or inappropriate footwear) on their scheduled day will not drive that day. If you are not prepared for your driving lessons portion of the class it will affect your participation grade.

1. Must have permit and appropriate footwear to drive.
2. Drivers and passengers must pay attention at all times while in the car.
3. Must obey all traffic laws and directions given by the instructor.
4. No food, gum, drinks, pens, pencils, make-up, or electronic devices in the car.

Anticipated Road Lesson: (Contingent on weather)

1. Residential Driving – Right and Left turns with stop signs
2. Residential Driving 2 – Right and Left turns, stop signs, two-way traffic , and traffic lights.
3. Quick stop, backing, and 3point turn – these are 3 required maneuvers
4. Lane Changing
5. Parking – Perpendicular
6. DELAP Skills test – each student will be afforded the opportunity to take the Florida Road Test in order to earn a waiver.
7. **Interstate Driving – If time permits, students that pass the test the first time will get an opportunity to drive on 275.**

Supplemental Driving – the DMV requires that students with a learners permit complete 50 hours of driving time. 40 hours can be at daytime and 10 hours of night time driving. It is suggested that students keep a driving log and verify the time spent behind the wheel. Forms will be provided to each student.

Absences/Tardiness

Students are responsible for all work missed. Quizzes will be made up on the following quiz day. Students with an unexcused absence will not be able to make up driving sessions. Tardiness will be dealt with according to school policy. Excessive tardiness may result in the loss of your driving privileges.

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