

Barnesville High School Student Driver Education-Spring 2021

Classroom Information: Students are required to complete 30 hours of instruction required by the State of Minnesota in order to pass this class. If you know you will need to miss a class, arrangements will need to be made with the instructor, however, if you can change your other schedule to accommodate the driving class schedule that would be the best. The only reason to miss the class would be illness or a pre-scheduled Dr. Appointment that cannot be rescheduled. Any student that misses more than 2 hours of class will be dropped from the class and will need to re-take it at a future date. Student's that are dropped from the class due to non-attendance will not receive a refund and will be required to re-pay for future classes.

Students that are planning to participate in a spring sport will want to talk to their coach about missing practices for Driver's Training class. Students **cannot skip** the Driver's Training class for basketball, softball, track, baseball or golf practices. Students should only sign up if they are serious about taking the entire class. Remember, driving is a privilege not a right. Students must pass the class material not just 'take' the class.

Eligible Students: This class is for students that are or will be 15 or older on or before June 30, 2021. Students that have birthdays after June 30th should check on Thursday, March 11 to see if there are any spots left in the class.

Dates: Starts on Monday, March 22 and will end approximately April 7 depending upon when the 30 hours are finished. March 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 (zoom), 29, 30, 31, April 5 (zoom), 6, 7. The two ZOOM Class days might be at a different time. The teacher will talk to the students once class starts to see what works best for everyone's schedules.

Location: High School Library Except on March 26 & April 5 when class will be ZOOM from the student's home (not at school)

Instructor: Erin Ellingson

Class Time: Starts at 3:30 every day and will end at 6:30 pm except Wednesdays when class will end at 6:00. Students cannot be late to class or they will be asked to leave and not pass and will not receive a refund. Students will be notified of shortened days by the instructor either in class or on the Driver's Ed course on Schoology.

Cost: Total cost of the Driver Education Program for the classroom phase and Behind-the-Wheel training is \$250. Payments can be done in the Com. Ed. office or online at payschools. Checks are made out to Community Education. Payments are made as follows:

- \$50 paid when signing up for the classroom portion
- \$100 paid at the completion of the classroom- in order to obtain Blue Card *student needs Blue Card to take the written Driver's Exam to get their permit card
- \$100 paid any time before signing up for behind-the-wheel time spot
- Students can also pay the full \$250 when signing up for the class if interested

Behind the Wheel: Behind-the-Wheel training (6 hours of driving time) is offered in the summer. Students will sign up for Behind the Wheel in April or May for the Summer Session. Birthdates and ages will be taken into consideration when scheduling Behind-the-Wheel with students. Students will be in the car for 2 hours per time for 3 days. The student is driving alone with the instructor for one-on-one driving instruction. Students that fail to show up for their scheduled Behind-the-wheel time spot, could be accessed an additional fee.

Students have the right to take their Behind-the-Wheel at a different location. If students choose this option, they would take their 'Letter of Completion' that they receive after passing the Driver's Education class to the site that they are taking their Behind-the-Wheel Instruction. If a student chooses to take their Behind-the-Wheel at a different location and they have already received their Blue Card from the Community Education office a fee could be accessed. Determination will be made on a case by case basis.

By law, students must wait six months after receiving their permit (from DMV) to qualify for a Driver's License even if the student is sixteen years old. Students can take their Written Permit test after passing the Driver's Education Class, paying for and picking up their Blue Card, and after the student is 15 years of age.

Deadline to Register: Return the registration form on the next page along with the \$50 fee to the Community Education Office in order to get your student signed up for the Driver's Education Class. Deadline to sign up will be Thursday, March 11th by noon in the Community Education Office. You will only be signed up when the Driver's Education registration form and the \$50 payment are submitted in the Community Education Office. We will open up sign up to students with July birthdays starting on March 11 at noon. There is a limit to the number of students that can be in the class. If more students register for the class than the course will accommodate then some students may be placed on a waiting list or they will need to register for the next session of classroom Driver's Education.

This agreement constitutes a contract between Barnesville Community Education/ ISD #146 and the student/parent. No verbal statements or promises will be recognized.

Payment: The \$50 class fee needs to be paid when you register. The payment can be done by check (payable to Barnesville Community Education), by cash, or by PaySchools. No telephone registrations will be taken. Students enrolling in the class must be at least 15 years old by June 30, 2021. If you pay using PaySchools you must still fill out the Driver's Ed registration form in order to get your name on the class list.

Student Discipline: Participating in Community Education Driver's Education is a privilege. Behavior deemed inappropriate by the instructor will not be tolerated. Any discipline problems (including during break times) will be cause for termination from the program and the fee will not be refunded.

Parent Meeting: Parents will be asked to attend an important information meeting with Erin Ellingson and law enforcement personnel. We will be trying to schedule this meeting for an evening sometime in March. We will let participants know as soon as the parent meeting date is set. This meeting will take place in the evening. The meeting will cover the class requirements and go over the next steps involved with your child getting their driver's license. This meeting is highly recommended to meet the requirements now in place for Driver's Education. By attending this meeting, parents will be able to take 10 hours off of their child's required 50 hours of driving time for completing their Driver's License.

Questions: Any parent or student with questions should contact one of the following ladies
Erin Ellingson at 354-2228 or eellingson@barnesville.k12.mn.us
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