

Vermillion High School

Driver Education Information – 2024

Parents and students: please read all information carefully.

The Vermillion School District will offer a Driver Education course this summer. The class will consist of 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel driving experience. Students will also be responsible for 6 hours of observation time while their partner is driving. Classroom session 1 is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28th – Saturday, June 1st from 8:30 AM to 3:45 PM. Classroom session 2 is scheduled for Monday, June 10th – Friday, June 14th from 8:30 AM to 3:45 PM. A one-hour lunch break will be scheduled at approximately 11:30 AM, please plan accordingly. **Students must be present on all days (of their session) to receive credit.** The classes will be taught by Bill Settles.

Students whose summer schedule *requires* them to be in a specific session will need to have their parents inform the instructor during the sign-up period. Students will sign up for their driving times with a partner at some point during their classroom session. Driving times are spread throughout the summer in such a way that we hope can accommodate all students. However, if a student's summer schedule *requires* them to do the driving during a specific time or on specific dates, they need to have their parents contact Bill Settles before the beginning of the first classroom session. This is particularly important if extended vacations are planned. Students in the second session need to make their needs known to the instructor even before the first session begins so that spots remain for them to drive.

Students who complete the classroom portion with a grade of 80% or better will be exempt from taking the written test at the DMV. At the end of the behind-the-wheel experience, a driving test may be attempted; students who pass this with a grade of 80% or better may be exempt from the driving test at the DMV. Students who meet both of these criteria will have the normally required 275 day instructional period reduced to 180 days, allowing them to receive their restricted permit sooner. Also, many insurance companies offer a discount for students who complete a Driver Education program.

The total cost for the class will be \$300.00 payable to the Vermillion School District. **Students must sign up and pay their fee to either the VHS office or the VMS office by April 12th.** A total of 60 students will be given the opportunity to take Driver Education with priority given to older students. If the classes end up being full, fees will be returned to students who do not qualify for a spot. Those students who *do* qualify will be notified by April 26th.

If you have any questions, contact the instructor.

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