

Mineola UFSD – Spring 2022 – Driver Ed Policy

(1) School Driving Option and (2) Parent Driving Option

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How do I enroll?

- All Mineola UFSD students (including private school students) are eligible and must be at least 16 years old.
- Students must go to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), pass a written test, and acquire a learner's permit. Please visit <https://dmv.ny.gov/driver-license/get-learner-permit> for details.
- **By Friday 1/21/22 interested students are to submit the digital application with an attached digital copy of their learner's permit.**
- Between 1/21/22 and 1/23/22 students and parents will be contacted via email about application approval.
- **On Thursday 1/27/22 approved students will attend a mandatory meeting at 3:30PM at Mineola High School room 136.** Students choose driving class day and time. Lecture class is on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00PM and possibly Saturdays from 10:30-12:00PM depending on enrollment. Payment of \$550 as check, money, order, or cash is due. Please make checks payable to "Mineola High School". Don't forget masks. Each student or someone representing the student must attend. If the student or someone representing the student is absent, the student will be dropped from the program and the next person on the waiting list will be contacted.

What is the cost? The cost is \$550.00.

Which are important dates to remember?

- *Prior to 1/21/22* – go to the DMV, pass a written test, & obtain a learner's permit
- *Monday 1/3/22 through Friday 1/21/22* – **submit the digital application with a digital copy of your learner's permit**
- *Friday 1/21/22* – last day to submit the digital application
- **Thursday 1/27/22 – 3:30PM – mandatory meeting in Mineola High School room 136.** All students must attend or be represented. If the student or someone representing the student is absent, the student will be dropped from the program and the next person on the waiting list will be contacted. Students choose classes. Full payment of \$550 is due.
- *Tuesday 2/1/22* – classes begin
- *Sunday 6/12/22* – classes end

What are the possible class choices for the students?

- Older students have priority when choosing classes.
- Students choose one (1) lecture class and one (1) driving class.
- *Available driving days:* Tuesday afternoons between 3:30 and 6:30PM; Wednesday afternoons between 3:30 and 6:30PM; Friday afternoons between 3:30 and 6:30PM; Saturdays between 11:30AM and 2:30PM; and Sundays between 10:30AM and 1:30PM.
- *Available lecture classes:* Tuesdays 6:30-8:00PM and possibly Saturdays 9:00-10:30AM (based on enrollment)

What about lecture classes?

- 16 lecture classes take place weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00PM.
- Enrollment may require the option of an additional Saturday lecture class from 10:30-12:00PM.

What about driving classes?

- 16 driving classes take place weekly. Students choose driving class day and time at the Thursday 1/27/22 mandatory meeting at 3:30PM in room 136.
- All road test driving skills are introduced & reinforced throughout the fall session.
- Classes meet at the exit doors in the shop parking lot near the cafeteria and room 168. Students are picked up and dropped off at this location only.
- A student is to arrive **BEFORE** his or her scheduled driving class time. All driving classes will wait no longer than 2 minutes beyond the scheduled start time. Delays affect the state-mandated in-car time of both students in the car.
- If a student arrives after the driver ed car has left the shop parking lot, it is an absence.
- Students must carry their learner's permit when attending the driving classes.
- Non-driving students are to observe the driving student.
- Water is permitted in the car. No other food or drink, please.

What about attendance for lecture and driving classes?

- Lecture classes are in-person in high school room 136 on Tuesdays (and maybe Saturdays too depending on enrollment).
- Driving classes meet at the exit doors in the shop parking lot near the cafeteria and room 168. Students are picked up and dropped off at this location only. Students choose day and time of class.
- ***Like any sport, club, or organization, the driver education program is a commitment. Full attendance for both lecture and driving is required and state-mandated to receive the certificate of completion (MV-285), an insurance discount, and the ability to schedule a road test through this program.***
- ***If a student does not attend an assigned class and does not communicate the conflict to the teacher before the class, it is an absence. Unforeseen circumstances are to be brought to the attention of the teacher prior to the conflict when possible.***
- ***After 2 absences a student's certificate of completion (MV-285) may be held until the next driver ed session. During that session the student may then make up the class and consequently receive his or her certificate of completion.***
- ***After 4 absences a student may be dropped from the program.***

What safeguards have been put in place regarding COVID-19?

- Driving classes: Depending on enrollment, 2 or 3 students are assigned to a car (not the standard 4 students). All car occupants must wear a face mask. All car occupants must use hand sanitizer. Before each driving class the car interior and door handles are disinfected. A sneeze guard separates students in the car. Students' temperatures are checked before entering the car.
- Lecture classes: Students will wear masks.

What is the online mandatory presentation?

- An online mandatory presentation "Driving in the Safe Lane" will be held via Zoom on a date and time to be announced.
- Every student and parent or guardian must attend.
- If the student and parent or guardian are absent, the student's certificate of completion will be held until attendance occurs at a "Driving in the Safe Lane" presentation hosted at another school. Please contact the teacher for more information.

What is the refund policy?

The district has instituted the following refund policy in the event that a student has to withdraw or is dropped from the program: withdrawal/drop during weeks 1 and 2 = full refund; withdrawal/drop during weeks 3 and 4 = 50% refund; withdrawal/drop during weeks 5 and 6 = 25% refund; and withdrawal/drop after week 6 = no refund.

Other questions?

- Email Mr. Macedo at pmacedo@mineola.k12.ny.us.
- Call 516-237-2612 during school hours.

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What is the cost? The cost is \$350.00.

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A parent or guardian will be addressing the driving requirement with the student.

- A student must address all 24-hour state-mandated behind-the-wheel driving with a parent or guardian. Of the 24 hours, at least 6 hours are to be student driving time and the remaining hours are to be observation time.
- Supervised Driving Log pages demonstrating the driving requirement with a parent or guardian must be completed and submitted at the end of the program.

Students now need to complete a Supervised Driving Log. What is it?

- A student and/or parent or guardian keeps a record of the program driving by filling in a Supervised Driving Log. The Log page can be downloaded from the high school web page.
- Completed and submitted Supervised Driving Log pages are a requirement to receive the course certificate.

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