

***30 HOUR
FULL DRIVER
EDUCATION
COURSE
CLASS
SYLLABUS***



COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVE:

The 30-hour full driver education course is comprised of 15 two hour classes. All class sessions are taught by a live instructor on Zoom. Going above & beyond the CT state minimum 8 hour driver's ed requirement, this course offers unparalleled, comprehensive knowledge that equips new drivers with the mastery to navigate the roads safely & courteously with the added benefits of a shorter license wait time for teens. This course aims to prepare the student to not only pass the Connecticut state license test, but to be a safe and polite driver for life.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS:

- Students must be present for the entire 2-hour session
- Students should expect to participate in class when called on by the instructor
- Instructors will take attendance periodically throughout class time to make sure all students are present -including after any scheduled class breaks.
- Students under 18 will need a parent/guardian to sign for all 15 sessions attended in the student portal.

- Student and parent must attend class 1 together
- Students will need to take and pass a 10 question quiz w a 70% or better following each online class session.
- Students & parents must comply with our code of conduct policies outlined in our student handbook.

DIGITAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS:

For more in-depth info on zoom class requirements, please refer to **the student handbook**.

- Legal name as display name
- Cameras on & pointed at you
- Please come ready to learn & take notes
- Show up and be on time – log in 10-15 min early to avoid any last-minute issues
- Avoid digital multitasking

STUDENT RESOURCES:

- CT Driver Manual
- FAQs
- New Driver Road Map
- Student Portal
- The Next Street Website
- Zoom Requirements
- Classroom Materials

SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES:

Follow us for access to new driver resources, instructional videos, contests, updates & more!



Facebook



TikTok



Youtube



Instagram



Reddit



Twitter



LinkedIn

CLASS 1



Parent & Student Information
Session State required class for new teen drivers & their parent(s).

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Driving curfew
- Passenger restrictions
- Zero tolerance blood alcohol content
- Risks facing teens
- Common causes for license test failures
- Essential driving laws & car insurance

CLASS 2



Physical & Mental Health, Road Rage

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Types of physical challenges that make driving unsafe
- How emotions & mindset affect your driving
- Medication & driving
- Defining & recognizing road rage
- Handling escalated situations on the road

CLASS 3



Traffic Controls & Defensive Driving

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Understanding road signs, traffic signals & markings on the pavement
- Strategies for understanding the driving environment & making quicker decisions
- Managing risk, including tailgating, the temptation of unsafe driving & following distance

CLASS 4



Alcohol, Drugs & Driving

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Laws related to driving intoxicated
- Marijuana: how it affects drivers, associated dangers & current laws
- Physical effects of alcohol
- Teen risk & alcohol
- Alternatives to driving impaired
- Recognizing & avoiding impaired drivers
- Consequences of breaking the law

CLASS 5



Preliminaries, Knowing Your Vehicle & Road Test Prep

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Pre-trip inspection of your vehicle
- Checking areas of limited visibility
- Safely reversing a vehicle
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Parking break use
- What to expect on your road test
- Avoiding common road test pitfalls

CLASS 6



Administrative Laws & Midterm Review

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Right of way
- Rules of the road
- Recent laws passed in Connecticut
- Graduated driver licensing laws
- What to do after a collision
- Review information covered in classes 1-6

CLASS 7



Distracted Driving & Midterm Review

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Distractions inside & outside the vehicle
- Types of distractions, including how to recognize higher risk situations
- Dangers of cell phone use & text messaging
- Consequences of cell phone use behind the wheel

CLASS 8



Basic Maneuvers & Driving Techniques

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Parking maneuvers
- Effective communication with other road users
- Proper steering technique
- Proper use of the pedals
- Skillful braking & acceleration

CLASS 9



Physics, Vehicle Control & Safety Technology

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- How traction affects your vehicle
- Effects of kinetic energy
- Skillful handling of curves & turns
- Working with weight transfer
- Reducing force of impact

CLASS 10



Highway Transportation System

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Interacting with other road users safely
- Respecting operating space of large vehicles
- Responding appropriately to emergency vehicles
- Navigating road features that improve traffic flow
- Passing other vehicles & allowing others to pass

CLASS 11



Expressway Driving

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Entering & exiting the highway
- Lane changes & proper lane selection
- Dangers of wrong-way driving
- Common errors in highway driving
- Highway hazards

CLASS 12



Adverse Driving Conditions

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Rainy & wet conditions
- Limited visibility & night driving
- Safe driving in winter conditions
- Types of glare
- Windy conditions

CLASS 13



Emergency Situations

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Handling flat tires & blowouts
- What to do if your car breaks down
- Stocking a roadside emergency kit
- Vehicle failures & driver errors
- What to do in different types of collisions

CLASS 14



Vehicle Ownership & Final Review Prep

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Budgeting & costs involved in purchasing a vehicle
- Typical costs involved in owning a vehicle
- Choosing the best vehicle for your needs
- Researching & test driving a vehicle
- Common safety features & vehicle safety ratings
- Financing & insuring a vehicle

CLASS 15



Final Review

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Final exam review
- What to bring with you to your road test
- Requirements to receive your e-DEC
- Responsibilities of licensed drivers
- Judgement, risk-taking & situational awareness