



## **Driver's Education- About the Program**

The Driver's Education course is designed to teach students the concepts and laws related to driving a vehicle. Emphasis will be placed on the responsibilities of driving, the rules of the road, traffic procedures, safe driving concepts and practices, legal obligations, and the physical and mental factors (including alcohol, drugs, and distracted driving) affecting a driver's capability.

This course is one academic quarter in length (2.5 elective credits), and meets the DMV minimum requirement of 30 hours of classroom instruction for driver's education. This course is the classroom portion only, and does not include the behind-the-wheel course.

This course is delivered in a fully virtual format.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How do I enroll in the Driver's Education Program?**

To enroll in driver's education, you must obtain a referral from your academic counselor at your high school. The referral will be processed by San Joaquin High School as space is available.

### **When is the course offered?**

The course is offered each academic quarter (4 offerings during the school year), and during summer session.

### **What are the age requirements to enroll in a Driver's Education Course?**

Students must be 15 years of age or older at the start of the course. Students must be 15 ½ to take the permit test at the DMV. It is recommended that students take the course as close as possible to the projected testing date.

### **What are the course requirements?**

Students must complete all portions of the course, which include teacher-created online videos, assignments, and quizzes, and a project on distracted driving. The online course is delivered through Canvas, Irvine Unified School District's learning management system. Additional resources are provided through the Department of Motor Vehicles website, such as practice permit tests.

Students who successfully receive a grade of passing (70% or higher) and complete the required 30 hours of instruction will receive an official certificate of completion issued through the California Department of Motor Vehicles. This certificate is required to obtain a learner's permit for all drivers between the ages of 15 1/2 and 18 years old.

### **What topics are covered in the course?**

The course uses the DMV required curriculum and includes the following topics:

- Driving Responsibilities



- Human Physical and Psychological Issues
- The Effect of Natural Forces on your Vehicle
- Signs, Signals, and Road Markings
- Licensing, Registration, and the CA Vehicle Code
- Vehicle Systems
- Rules of the Road and Safe Driving Practices: Urban and Rural
- Accidents, Causes, and Prevention
- Sharing the Road
- Alcohol and Drugs
- Drowsy Driving
- Distracted Driving

**What are the prerequisite technology skills for the course?**

Prerequisite technology skills include:

- Basic computer terminology, the use of the keyboard and mouse
- Basic web skills, including the use of navigation and search tools
- The use of word processing documents, the ability to open, modify, save, scan, and upload documents in different formats
- Composing, receiving, and replying to electronic messages.

**Is there a fee for the course?**

The course is offered free of charge through Irvine Unified School District. Students will receive a driver's education handbook from the DMV and all required materials free of charge at the beginning of the session.

**Whom can I contact for additional information?**

For additional information, please contact Kylene Carter, Coordinator of Online Learning at [kylenecarter@iusd.org](mailto:kylenecarter@iusd.org).