



August 30, 2018

Dear Driver Education Students and Parents,

As a student currently enrolled in Driver Education classroom and behind-the-wheel, you have a rotating schedule of classroom instruction with a District 211 teacher, behind-the-wheel instruction with an I.S.B.E. qualified Top Driver instructor and option periods. Please read the following information carefully in preparation for obtaining a driving license. Only one scenario below applies to you and is dependent upon if you had your permit at the start of the semester.

- **Driving permit in hand at the start of the semester:**  
Your six hours of driving with an instructor and six hours of observations (fifteen class periods) are taking place during the school day with a Top Driver instructor. You are on track to finish your instruction. Should a series of unexpected absences take place, Top Driver may need to contact you and your parent to schedule an afterschool drive to finish by the end of the semester.
- **Driving permit in hand August 20, 2018 or after:**  
Your six hours of driving with an instructor and six hours of observations may have already started. Depending on when you brought your permit to class, you will either continue to finish lessons during the school day and/or you may need to finish after school. If Top Driver needs to schedule your behind-the-wheel lessons afterschool to finish by the end of the semester, Top Driver will contact you and your parent to schedule this. See after school driving details on the following page. Please note, the more delayed you were in obtaining your permit, the more likely after school driving lessons will be needed to complete your lessons by the end of the semester.
- **No driving permit by October 5, 2018:**  
If you do not have your permit by October 5, 2018, there is not enough time to complete your behind-the-wheel lessons by the end of the semester. On this date, you will be dropped from the behind-the-wheel portion of the class, but will remain in the classroom portion of the class to fulfill the graduation requirement.

Remember, to be eligible for your Graduated Driver's License the following items must be completed: successfully pass both the classroom and behind-the-wheel portions of Driver Education, record 50 hours of practice driving with your parents/guardians in a driving log, hold your permit in good standing for a minimum of 9 months, and be at least 16 years of age. At the end of the semester, a letter will be sent home regarding the details to assist you in the process of testing for your driving license at a local Secretary of State Driver Facility.

Sincerely,

Lisa Small  
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### **After School Behind-the-Wheel Details**

If the student received a driving permit after the start of first semester, some or all of the driving lessons may need to be scheduled after school. If this is the case, Top Driver will contact both the student and parent to arrange this. Bus transportation is available to transport students home at the completion of an after school lesson.

- Two-hour lessons are typically scheduled once a week per student (no Friday lessons):  
FHS, SHS, HEHS: 2:55 – 4:55 p.m. (bus departure from school to go home at 5:25 p.m.)  
PHS, CHS: 3:40 – 5:40 p.m. (bus departure from school to go home at 6:10 p.m.)
- As during the school day, two students are in the car with the instructor. Top Driver will schedule a driving partner for each student as is done during the school day.
- The two-hour lessons include one hour of driving and one hour of observation. A student must complete a total of six hours of driving and six hours of observation. If a student has not yet completed any behind-the-wheel lessons during the school day, the student will need six lessons. If the student has completed some lessons during the school day, then the number of after school lessons is adjusted accordingly.
- Top Driver will contact the student in person and the parent via email in regard to any after school driving. The after school driving may only be needed for students who did not have their permits the first few days of school.
- All students must have their permit by October 5, 2018 in order to complete their behind-the-wheel lessons.

Questions about behind-the-wheel instructions can be directed to Jim Mihalovich, Director of Curriculum and Training, Top Driver at [jmihalovich@d211.org](mailto:jmihalovich@d211.org).