

DRIVER AND TRAFFIC Course # HS644 ½ credit Grades 10-12

SAFETY EDUCATION

PREREQUISITE: Students must be in possession of a Vermont Learners Permit in order to begin this course. It is requested that students drive a minimum of 10 hours with parents/guardians prior to class.

Driver Education theory is designed to teach safety practices involved in the use of a motor vehicle. Driver and Traffic Safety Education can teach decision making skills; how to cope with various traffic problems; what to do in adverse weather conditions/emergencies; responsibility for passengers and other roadway users; basic car control, maneuvers, ownership, maintenance and how to plan a trip.

Driver Education is offered each semester of the school year with a limit of 48 students per semester. A summer course is also offered on a limited basis. Students will be scheduled for Driver's Education according to the following procedures:

Three annual sign-up deadlines will occur, the first the week of September 15, as part of course registration for semester 2, the second the week of February 15 for summer, and the last the week of May 15 for semester 1.

Students who sign up will be prioritized as follows: seniors first, then by date of permit. After the deadline, if there are new openings, students on the waiting list will be considered according to the same criteria.

Students may be denied access to the course or be removed from the course (in part or whole) based on their eligibility. Eligibility will be based on having a valid driver learner's permit and being in good standing (grades & behavior) with the school. A student will be considered ineligible during the current Driver's Education registration cycle if any of the following is true:

The student does not possess a valid driver learner's permit

The student presents a false or invalid driver learner's permit

The student is non-compliant with a substance abuse treatment program

The student has poor behavior or failing grades

It is the student's responsibility to present her/his driver's permit to the guidance office during the sign up periods.