

TO: 2024 Summer Driver's Education Students and Parents
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DATE: April 19th, 2024
RE: Summer 2024 Driver's Education

The Wabash City Schools' Board of Trustees has approved the teaching of Driver's Education during the summer of 2024. The student fee will be **\$400.00**. The purpose of this memo is to provide information regarding the program.

1. Due to a state mandate, all students must receive a grade of a B- or better in both the online classroom and driving portions of Driver's Education in order to pass the course. Students receiving a grade lower than a B- in either or both sections will have their learner's permit revoked by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

2. Perfect attendance is of utmost importance. **Students who know that they will not be able to attend every day should not enroll. Please plan vacations and camps with this information in mind.**

3. Students and their families will need to provide their own transportation to and from the school. Students should arrive at school not more than **ten (10) minutes** prior to their scheduled drive time. Likewise, students must leave school property no more than **ten (10) minutes** after their driving session ends.

4. The "textbook" portion will be completed online and cannot be started until the student turns 15. The latest that students should begin the classroom portion is April 29th, 2024; therefore, a student turning 15 after April 29th, 2024 will not be eligible for Driver's Education with Wabash City Schools this year. The online portion is a concentrated, self-paced 30-hour course and students can complete 3 hours per day. Even though it sounds like the course can be completed in 10 days, it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that students begin the coursework as soon as possible. It is better to finish early instead of waiting and trying to finish it in a short amount of time. ***Students will receive access to the online course soon after enrollment paperwork/payment is received and must complete the 30-hour course by May 24th for the 1st session and by June 8th for the 2nd session.***

5. For the driving session, each student is required to have **6 hours** of behind-the-wheel training and **12 hours** of observation. Therefore, the driving sessions will be conducted in groups of 3 students, with each group driving 9 days for 2 hours each day. Adjustments may be made in order to give students driving experience on interstates/highways. Each student will be individually scheduled for the driving session; however, students may request certain students to be in their group for ride-sharing purposes.

****STUDENTS SHOULD NOT WEAR SANDALS/SLIDES ON DAYS THAT THEY ARE DRIVING****

Driving Session 1: May 28th - June 7th, 2024
Driving Session 2: June 10th - June 20th, 2024
Test Day: June 21st, 2024

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Due to changes implemented by the BMV, we are unable to administer the Driving Skills Test ("Waiver" Test) at the end of the driving portion **UNLESS** the student is "age-eligible" to apply for a Probationary Driver's License. Therefore, if a student is not **at least 16 years / 3 months** at the conclusion of Driver's Education, they cannot take the Driving Skills test.

6. If you wish to enroll your student in the 2024 Driver's Education Program, complete the attached application and return it to the Administration Office (189 W. Market St.) with **\$200.00 to secure your spot**. At least \$200.00 of the \$400.00 fee must accompany your completed application, with the balance due **on or before Monday, May 20th**. Payment can be made via credit/debit card through our **RevTrak Payment Portal** (<https://wabashcityschools.revtrak.net/>) which can be found on our website under "**Parents > RevTrak Payment Portal**". Click on "Driver's Education" to make payments. If you are paying by check, make checks payable to **Wabash High School**. Please write your student's name and "Driver's Education" in the memo line and turn it into the **Wabash City Schools Administration office (189 W. Market St.)**. ****PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT WABASH HIGH SCHOOL****

7. IF ANY PORTION OF THE CLASS (ONLINE OR DRIVING) IS NOT PASSED OR IF THERE IS AN UNPAID BALANCE, THE PERMIT WILL BE REVOKED BY THE BMV.

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Students must pass both the driving and classroom/online portion with a **B-** or better to pass Driver's Education. Students must finish the classroom/online portion of Driver's Education to continue with the driving portion. ***IF THE CLASSROOM/ONLINE PORTION IS NOT PASSED, STUDENTS WILL NOT MOVE ON TO THE DRIVING PORTION AND A REFUND OF DUES PAID WILL NOT BE ISSUED.***

ITEMS TO TAKE CARE OF PRIOR TO DRIVING PORTION:

According to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, students are not allowed to drive with parents until class has started and students have a valid Learner's Permit. Students must always have their permit with them when driving with parents or a driving instructor. To obtain a Learner's Permit, a completed CDE form from the school is required. See below for details.

1. Before **May 24th, 2024 for students in the 1st driving session and before June 6th, 2024 for the second driving session**, students must go to the license branch to obtain a Learner's Permit. In addition to the CDE form that Wabash City Schools will issue, see the attached flier for details regarding additional documentation that will be required when applying for a Learner's Permit. It is recommended to go sooner rather than later in case multiple trips are needed. 😊
2. A parent must be present when obtaining a Learner's Permit. **Students must take and pass the written knowledge test at the BMV.** It is suggested that students wait until the end or near the end of the classroom/online portion of Driver's Education for this reason. You will also take an eye exam and a parent will need to sign for responsibility.
3. Students **cannot** participate in the **driving** portion of Driver Education without a Learner's Permit.
4. Hours of operation for the Wabash BMV are: **Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Estimated wait times can be found on their website at <https://www.in.gov/bmv/branch-locations-and-hours/bmv-branch-map/>**

