

Driver Education

Credit (s): .5

Course number: 7175 (1st semester), 7185 (2nd semester)

Prerequisite(s): A student should be a minimum of 15 years of age when they begin the semester of Driver Education.

Grade levels: 9-12

Driver Education is a semester course designed to exceed the minimum Virginia state requirements for the classroom portion of driver education. Successful completion of this course will qualify the student to enroll in a commercial behind-the-wheel instruction program (minimum of 14 hours) to complete the Virginia state requirements for a driver's license. It is recommended that students obtain their learner's permit during the semester they take this course. The minimum age for obtaining a learner's permit is 15 years and 6 months of age. Minimum age for a driver's license is 16 years and 3 months. Topics covered in this course include: licensing responsibilities, vehicle operation, function and maintenance, basic maneuvering tasks, information processing, factors that influence driver performance and consumer issues relevant to the operation of vehicles.

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