



Lincoln-Way High School District 210

Driver
Education
Program

3 Phases of the Curriculum

- Freshman Year: Permit Application Process – Rules of the Road instruction (7 days), concluding with the permit examination.
- Sophomore Year: 9 weeks (one quarter) of classroom instruction.
- Sophomore Year to beginning of Junior Year: Behind the Wheel (BTW) instruction. Students must have a valid permit to begin BTW.

Freshman Curriculum

- Students will receive 7 days of instruction during the class period of their physical education, health, or ROTC class.
- A driver's education teacher will present the rules of the road, administer the written permit exam, and enter the *permit application* data.
- Upon successful completion of phase one, students will be given a State of Illinois permit application to be taken to the JOLIET or Lockport DMV for processing on or after their 15th birthday.

State Permit Application Information

- Legal Name (Must match birth certificate)
- Residential Address/City/Zip Code
- County - Will
- Height
- Weight
- Hair Color
- Eye Color
- Date of Birth

Permit Application Questions

Please review the following questions with your child. They will need to answer these questions as part of the permit process.

Applicant Question # 1

Is your drivers license, ID or privilege to obtain a license or ID card suspended, revoked, cancelled or refused in any state under this name or any other name?

(If *yes* a letter of clearance if required.)

Applicant Questions 2 & 3

Do you presently hold a valid driver's license or ID card in this or any other state? (If *yes*, provide a copy.)

Is your driver's license being held by a court in lieu of bail? (If *yes*, the DMV will not process a permit until this is cleared with the court.)

Applicant Question # 4

Has a court found you to have a mental disability or disease or has a court committed you to a mental health facility?

(If *yes*, copies of related court orders and/or physician's statement and a signed medical report form are required.)

Applicant Question # 5

Do you have any condition that might cause a temporary loss of consciousness? (If yes, a physician's statement and signed medical form is required.)

Applicant Question # 6

Do you have a mental condition that might interfere with safe driving? (If *yes*, a physician's statement and a signed medical form are required.)

Applicant Question # 7

Do you use any drugs, including prescription medications, or alcohol to an extent that they impair your driving ability?
(If *yes*, a physician's statement and a signed medical form are required.)

Application Phase Of The Driver Education Program. How Do I Get My Permit?

1. Students who successfully complete the permit application phase of our driver education program are eligible to obtain their driving *permit application* by taking the application to the Joliet or Lockport DMV on or after their 15th birthday.
2. To obtain the driving permit, the student and their parent/guardian must take the completed application to the **Joliet or Lockport Driving Facility**. Lincoln-Way student permit applications are bar coded to these specific facilities and will NOT be processed at any other DMV facility. The Secretary of State will administer a visual exam to each applicant and collect a \$20 fee - cash, money order or personal check.
3. In order to obtain the driving permit, students must be 15 years old and have passed the written and visual exam.

Driver Education Timeline

Spring Semester Freshman School Year

Students will participate in the Rules of the Road *permit application* phase of our Driver Education program. To obtain the driving permit, students will be given a *permit application* to take to the DMV on or after their 15th birthday.

Sophomore School Year

During their sophomore year, students will participate in one quarter of classroom driver education. Students will be assigned to classroom in birth date order - from their specific PE or ROTC class, based upon the birth dates of the students in each particular PE or ROTC class.

Driver Education Timeline Continued...

I have completed the classroom phase of Driver Education. When do I get assigned to Behind-the Wheel?

- Students are assigned to BTW by birth date, once they have paid the Board of Education approved fee. BTW assignments are on-going throughout the Sophomore year and continue until completed during the summer prior to the Junior year.

Sophomore to Junior Year - BTW

- Behind the Wheel (BTW) training occurs after students have successfully completed their classroom phase.
- BTW is on-road driving instruction with a certified instructor.
- BTW assignments are determined by class period and birth date. Most are able to participate during their PE/ROTC class. Due to the number of students participating, BTW may also be offered during breaks, and/or before and after school. BTW offerings continue, based on date of birth throughout the school year and into the summer when necessary.

More BTW Information...

- BTW requirement is 6 hours of driving & 6 hours of observation.
- BTW does not count toward the State 50 hour parent/supervised driving practice requirement .
- Students will be contacted individually by the BTW instructor when assigned to begin BTW.
- If a student is not ready when BTW is offered, they may delay BTW.
- If students earn a “B” or greater in classroom and BTW they are eligible for a Bypass Road Test.

What is the Bypass?

- The Bypass Test is an on-road driving test given to those students who have earned a B or better in both their classroom and current BTW standing. The Bypass Test is given at the conclusion of BTW instruction, if eligible.
- By successfully passing the Bypass Test, the student may be exempt from repeating a road test when going to the DMV for their license.

Sophomore Curriculum

- Students must receive at least 30 hours of classroom instruction.
- Completing classroom driver education is a graduation requirement.
- Students must have passed 8 classes in the previous 2 semesters to be eligible for each phase of driver education.
- Students are taken out of their PE/ROTC class period in birth date order.

Behind the Wheel

- **There is a fee for BTW as determined by the Board of Education each year. This fee will be assessed for the student's sophomore year registration.**
- ***Parents have the option to “opt out” of the BTW phase of driver education during the registration process as well.***

Frequently Asked Questions

Two Common Questions

What should I know about the 50 hours?

- Students may drive with an adult age 21 or older. This person must have a valid driver's license.
- 50 hours must be completed and documented before a license can be obtained.

What if I don't want my child to get their permit?

- As a parent, you have the authority to cancel the permit, or choose not to take your student for their permit.
- You can contact the Department Chair and ask for BTW to be delayed.
- Students must pass the classroom portion for graduation. Participating in BTW or obtaining a license is NOT a graduation requirement.

When can my child get their license?

- The classroom and BTW portions must be completed with passing grades.
- The student and their parent or guardian must complete 50 hours of practice driving.
- The student must be at least 16 years old and *have held their permit for at least 9 months.*

For example... If the Permit is issued in January it must be held a minimum of 9 months (i.e.)

- March 20th – December 20th
- April 2nd – January 2nd
- May 12th – February 12th

Once the student has completed BTW, a letter will be mailed home from the driving instructor indicating your child's results. Students who have successfully completed BTW will receive instructions for obtaining a license within this letter. If this letter includes a bypass, please note that if you misplace the bypass, we can not duplicate lost bypasses.

What are the Highlights of the Graduated Driver Licensing System (GDL)

- Permit required for at least 9 months.
- Curfew hours prohibit driving between the hours of 11 PM and 6 AM Friday – Saturday. 10 PM and 6 AM Sunday – Thursday.
- Requires 9 months of conviction-free driving before a teen may move to the initial licensing.
- Drivers under 21 will have license suspended if they receive more than two moving violations in 24 months.

Cell Phones...

Cell Phone usage is illegal in construction zones and school zones. Hand held cell phones are illegal in Illinois.

Any type of cell phone usage is illegal *at all times* for drivers under the age of 19.

Texting while driving is illegal – anytime, anywhere, for everyone.

Helpful Tips for Parents

- Begin practicing in an empty parking lot.
- Drive to places yourself, then have student practice.
- Have students drive in familiar places first.
- Be patient.
- Be a good role model by following the rules of the road and wearing your seatbelt.
- Review Lessons.

Helpful Links

- *Please visit the Secretary of State driving website - www.cyberdriveillinois.com to download appropriate forms and for additional information.*