

ISD 728 Community Education How To Earn A Driver's License

The Process:

- Step 1 Complete the "Driver Education Contract/Agreement."
- Step 2 Complete 30 hours of classroom driver education. A very limited amount of absences are allowed. All absences must be made up within 60 days.
Complete all the lessons and assignments inside and outside of class, including chapter tests or alternate tests of the material learned. Hand in textbooks.
- Step 3 Register for Behind the Wheel (required by the state before the permit test may be taken).
If registered for the ISD 728 "package," complete all payments and receive Blue Card.
- Step 4 Take the permit test. Test is 40 multiple-choice questions; score of 80% required to pass.
Must pass an eye exam (bring glasses/contact lenses if needed).
Must be at least 15 years old.
Must have 2 forms of ID (see MN Driver's Manual) and a Blue Card.
A legal guardian must accompany student.
- Step 5 Receive permit.
- Step 6 Begin practice driving and schedule behind the wheel training. Complete the required number of supervised driving hours and record on the official "Supervised Driving Log." If more space is needed, another "Supervised Driving Log" must be used.
- Step 7 Take driving exam to earn license. Must be at least 16 and held permit for 6 months.
Make reservations early; test stations book up well in advance.

Classroom Attendance & Make Up

You must complete 30 hours of classroom driver education.

All absences must be made up within 60 days! Students missing more than 6 hours of classroom, or who fail to complete within 60 days, will need to re-register and pay for another class.

To make up your missed class time, you must attend the same session as the day you missed. (For example, if you were absent on the third day of your class, come to the third day of another class.)

Student Behavior

1. School rules are in effect.
2. Students violating rules regarding use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco will be suspended for the remainder of the course.
3. Chronic or major misbehavior will result in suspension.
4. Chronic lack of work and effort on class assignments will result in suspension.
5. No use of cell phones or other devices allowed during class time.
6. Stay in the designated areas before and after class and during break - sports practices off limits.
7. Safe driving requires good judgment, discipline and self-control. We expect that from you in class.

Inclement Weather?

Check Twitter @CE728Alert or listen for cancellation announcements on WCCO 830AM radio,
KARE 11 TV or www.728communityed.com

Behind the Wheel

The Behind the Wheel (BTW) program provided by ISD 728 Community Education is designed to expose students to a variety of driving environments and situations while the student gains the required 6 hours of behind the wheel instruction. It is important to continue practicing with your student between driving lessons, as each session will increase in difficulty.

Scheduling

1. Plan to schedule BTW at least 3 months (or sooner!) before the student would like to take the license exam. Getting your driving career headed in the right direction from the start is very beneficial and early lessons can help.
2. Arrange a schedule with the instructor of your choice (listed below).
 - In a typical situation, it will take about 4 to 6 weeks to complete all 6 hours of instruction.
 - We will usually meet once a week.
 - Lessons can be scheduled over a longer period of time to allow for more practice if desired.
 - We do not recommend doing more than one lesson per week.
 - Once a schedule is established, stick to it. If you need to cancel you must notify us at least 24 hours before the scheduled lesson. Failure to do so will result in a \$30 'no show' charge. Lessons do not resume until the \$30 is paid. Missing a lesson may seriously delay completion of BTW.
 - All lessons must be completed with the same instructor.
3. All lessons will begin and end at an ISD 728 school campus - "home base." This allows us to stay efficient and affordable.

Behind the Wheel Instructors

<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Kevin O'Connell	763-458-1925
Mike Hudson	763-441-6157
Matt Johnson	612-598-3907
Noah Willenbring	612-310-1681

Testing Stations

Elk River (road test only) and Anoka
651-201-7900
Cambridge and Milaca
763-689-7078

For more information or to schedule test online, visit www.mndriveinfo.org

Additional Information for Parents of Teen Drivers

Remember that you (the parent) hold the power! A parent can cancel the license of a minor under age 18 at any time. If your young driver is constantly taking unnecessary risks or doing things that endanger themselves or others on the road, you may want to consider this option. Unfortunately, the state does not have a way of assessing attitudes and maturity when a student takes a driving test, but you (the parent) know your child very well. If s/he is not ready to drive, please consider the safety of your child and everyone else sharing the road. This is also a powerful tool that you can use to influence your young driver's behavior in other areas as well.

Due to a legislative decision the Minnesota Department of Public Safety is no longer printing the Minnesota Driver's Manual. Copies will be given to students to use during classroom sessions. After the session, students may access it on the DVS web site at dvs.dps.mn.gov.

Included in this packet is a portion of the brochure *Teens Behind the Wheel – A Roadmap for Parents*. This brochure was developed by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and includes information that you, as the parent of a teen driver, need to know. Additional materials are also available, including a driving practice log, skills checklist and parent/teen contract, at dvs.dps.mn.gov. More information can be found at www.mndriveinfo.org.