VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS DRIVER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

2022-2023 SPRING Saturday Program

All teachers are State Endorsed in Driver Education and are contracted by the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles as a Third-Party Tester.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 1. An eligible student must be enrolled in a Volusia County public school, school of choice, private, or home-school program in order to participate.
- 2. Student must be at least 15 years old and must have completed one full year of high school on or before the first day of the session.
- 3. Student must have a Florida learner's permit before registering for the session.
- ***4. Students attending a private high school in Volusia County cannot be given credit by Volusia County Schools upon successful completion of the Driver's Education course. Private school students who successfully complete the requirements of the course will receive a "Certificate of Completion" issued by Volusia County Schools. Course credit can only be granted by the school the student is currently attending. It is strongly recommended that parents obtain prior written confirmation and agreement from the private school their student is attending, stating acceptance of the "Certificate of Completion".

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Parents will register their student online at

www.vcsedu.org/drivers-education. The registration link will open on Monday, January 9th at 8:00 p.m. and will close at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 10th. Please note! Spots are taken very quickly so please be at your computer at 8:00 p.m. This is first come first serve. Parents will be notified by email if their child made the roster or the waiting list.

*** specific private school credit language

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VISION STATEMENT

Create life-long learners prepared for an ever-changing global society.

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VOLUSIA COUNTY DRIVER AND

TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION

ASSOCIATION

"DRIVER EDUCATION"
INSTILLS A FOUNDATION FOR A SAFE AND
SUCCESSFUL DRIVING CAREER THROUGH
ATTITUDE * SKILLS * KNOWLEDGE

Sites & Dates:

Atlantic HS DeLand HS

Spruce Creek HS University HS

Class Time: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday	January 21 - First Day
Saturday	January 28
Saturday	February 4
Saturday	February 11
Saturday	February 25
Saturday	March 4
Saturday	March 25
Saturday	April 1
Saturday	April 8
Saturday	April 15 - Last Day (1/2 day)

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VOLUSIA COUNTY DRIVER AND TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents and Students:

Driver Education is not only essential for the fundamental knowledge of traffic safety, but also necessary to ensure awareness and application of that knowledge as a responsible driver. After all, driving is everybody's business.

The Driver Education program will be offered as a one-half credit course. Class size will consist of 30-45 students, depending upon the school site. If schools have more than the allotted students registered for the class (each session), a waiting list will be created on a first-come, first-served basis. A student who misses the first day of the class will be dropped and replaced by the next student on the waiting list.

This pamphlet contains information which is pertinent to participation in the Driver Education program offered by the Volusia County School District. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the Driver Education program.

THE VOLUSIA COUNTY DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE CONSISTS OF:

Classroom Instruction and/or Range Driving Instruction and/or Traffic Driving Instruction

THE DRIVER EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM COVERS THREE AREAS: Attitude * Skills * Knowledge

METHODS OF EVALUATION: Written Tests, Hazardous Recognition Tests, Teacher Observation of Driving Skills Progress, Traffic Control Device Recognition Tests, and Driving Performance Exercises and Tests.

INFORMATION & DMV /SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS

The following items should be noted carefully, as they are the basic requirements for students enrolled in a Driver Education course. It is imperative that deadlines be adhered to so that teachers may provide adequate range driving and on the road time to each student. Although some deadlines are standard for each school, it is the responsibility of the individual teacher to work within the indicated guidelines to provide students with quality instruction. It is the responsibility of the student and parent to report immediately to the teacher any problem which may prevent the student from being in compliance with any of the following requirements. The recommended method of communication is through a dated note from the parent, and should include an explanation of the problem, the anticipated time frame for correction and the parent's signature.

- 1. Each student must have a Florida restricted license/learner's permit on the first day of the Driver Education program.
- 2. Each student must be 15 years of age and must have completed one year of high school on or before the first day of the session during which the student is enrolled in the Driver Education course.
- 3. As of January 1, 1990, Florida law requires that a person applying for a restricted or operator's license for the first time must complete a course in traffic law and substance abuse education.
- 4. As of July 1, 1997, F.S. 322.091 requires that a minor is not eligible for driving privileges unless the minor is enrolled in school or a home education program, has received a high school diploma or certificate, is enrolled in certain other educational activities, or obtained a certificate of exemption or hardship waiver. Non-enrollment and nonattendance: Each public school principal/designee shall notify the district school board of each minor who accumulates 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days. The superintendent must provide the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles the legal name, sex, date of birth, and social security number of each minor who has been reported under this paragraph. Driver's license may not be issued and previously issued licenses shall be suspended.
- 5. Enrollment in and successful completion of course requirements shall result in the student being administered a state certified road test. Student may receive a paperless waiver upon passing the state certified road test. The Division of Driver's Licenses reserves the right to spot check.
- 6. Each student will receive free of charge, a current Florida Highway Driver's Handbook. If the handbook is lost, stolen or damaged, it will be the student's responsibility to acquire an additional handbook from the Division of Driver's License.
- 7. If a registered student **does not attend the first day of the course,** his/her slot will be given to the next student on that schools waiting list.
- 8. The performance expectation is that each student will have a minimum of 30 percent of the program behind the wheel either on the range and/or in traffic driving.
- 9. Absenteeism will be limited to **only one class** due to the shortness of the program. If the student is absent for more than one class, he/she will be dropped

from the program. Tardiness and leaving class early counts against your absenteeism.

- 10. Driver Education cars are purchased by the School Board and through the Slosberg Trust Fund. We must have strict policies concerning the operation of these cars. Students who fail to follow these policies will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 11. Students are required to bring paper, pencil, Florida Highway Drivers Handbook, and learner's permit to class every day.
- 12. The restricted license must be in the student's possession while participating in range and traffic driving.
- 13. Any physical handicap, which impairs the student's ability to drive safely and responsibly, must be reported to the teacher. After modifications are made to the vehicle the student will be able to drive.
- 14. Students failing to complete and pass all required work by the end of the session shall not pass the course.
- 15. Students enrolling in this program are expected to have *satisfactory conduct*.
- 16. <u>No cell phone use</u> will be allowed during class time. No flip flops are allowed to be worn in class, closed toe shoes only.
- 17. Students must attend the last day of class to receive their grade and their DELAP waiver form. If a student stops attending after passing the DELAP waiver test they will earn a grade of an "F".