

COURSE NUMBER	1301
COURSE TITLE:	Traffic Education - Fall
COURSE LENGTH:	Six Weeks, One/half Credit
PREREQUISITE:	None
GRADE LEVEL:	9, 10, 11, 12

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to obtain a driver's license. It is a requirement that a student must be fourteen years of age and have a learner's permit when the semester begins. Six hours of driving and 30 hours of classroom instruction must be completed to fulfill the class objectives. **There is a fee for this course that will be equivalent to one half the cost of the program. This course is only taught on Saturdays and before or after school. This is a six week program for a maximum of 25 students.**

COURSE RATIONALE:

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION: Classroom instruction will include oral pre-tests, lecture, discussion, films, and guest speakers, as well as testing based on the textbook data. The in-car instruction will include demonstrations and application of driving techniques.

ASSESSMENT: Classroom points from tests will be recorded and averaged according to the department grading scale, and a letter grade (A,B,C,D,F) will be given. The driving ability will be graded on a pass/fail basis. Both segments (classroom and driving) must be passed in order to successfully complete the course.

CRITICAL OBJECTIVES:

1. the student will gain a knowledge of the economic aspects of driving, such as fuel economy, maintenance, insurance liability, purchasing and licensing
2. the student will gain a knowledge of the effects of alcohol, fatigue, age, emotions, drugs and medications on the mental and physical abilities needed for driving
3. the student will gain a knowledge of the capabilities and limitations of other highway users such as pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and commercial and recreational vehicles.
4. the student will gain a knowledge of the controls on the driver by nature and man-made traffic laws
5. the student will gain a knowledge of the attitudes necessary for safe and efficient driving
6. the student will gain a knowledge of the operation of the vehicle on the open road and in city traffic
7. the student will develop skills in pre driving habits, steering, braking, turning, backing, entering and leaving traffic, intersecting, changing lanes, turnabouts, primary and secondary road driving, and parking