

SPRING 2022 Driver Education

Dear Future Driver Ed Families,

I hope everyone is staying safe and enjoying their return to the new school year. I have been teaching Driver Education here at Moore Catholic High School since 1998 and I also took my own Driver Education training here in 1985. In the past I was so used to putting up the Spring application and confidently knowing that all dates, protocols, schedules, etc., would be straightforward and predictable. While we have been pretty lucky in keeping in line with all of that throughout this pandemic, I still feel the need to add that we must all be prepared to be flexible in the event that circumstances require such flexibility.

With that being said, our Spring semester is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 14th and conclude on Sunday, June 26th. There will be a one week President's Week break from February 21st through February 27th and a two week Easter break from April 11th through April 24th. Lecture classes will continue to run virtually via a Google Classroom/ZOOM curriculum, while driving sessions will continue to be one student in the car at a time for eight, 45 minute sessions to reach the six hours of instruction. Since the DMV is still allowing the "parent training option" during Covid, we will continue to offer our "lecture-only option" where parents will use our training syllabus to teach their child on their own dual brake car, or outside of the five boroughs with their non-dual brake car. You need not make the decision on which option you prefer until you are standing in front of me next month during live registration making payment, picking driving days/times and signing the Covid waiver. We will have available driving options from Monday through Friday, 245pm through 6:30pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 7am through 6:30pm.

What you need to do right now is to print out JUST THE LAST PAGE of the application that will follow this letter, and fill it out completely with parental consent signed. It must be extremely neat and legible, otherwise I may be sending your email invites to register to the wrong address and you may miss out on an early registration number. Please scan it and email it back to me at mooredrivereducation@gmail.com. I will number them as I receive them and issue you a registration number in case we hit a cutoff point where our capacity for the Spring has been reached. Please KEEP this application, as I will ask you to bring it with you when you live register next month.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY MONEY with this application, as it will not be accepted. You will be notified by email to come in and register live, make payment, and sign a Covid waiver form. Please provide email addresses for you and your child that are checked regularly. The tuition for the full course is \$520, while the "lecture-only" option is \$280. There is an additional \$30 textbook charge, although if you already have the textbook from a former student here, you can disregard that.

I hope to hear from all of you soon and I look forward to working with you and your child in the Spring. If anyone has any additional questions regarding the Spring semester, please email me at: mooredrivereducation@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Dave Niedle
Director of Driver Education
Moore Catholic High School

SPRING 2022 SEMESTER

Moore Catholic High School Driver Education
100 Merrill Ave., Staten Island, NY, 10314
School Year Office Hours: (Office within Library): Best reachable by email at this time.
Office number: (718) 370-4150
School website: <http://www.moorecatholichs.org/students/driver-education/>
Driver Education email address: mooredrivereducation@gmail.com
Spring Semester Begins: February 14th, 2022
Spring Semester Ends: June 26th, 2022

PARENTS PLEASE CAREFULLY READ ALL INFORMATION AND SIGN YOUR PERMISSION ON THE APPLICATION. NO ADMITTANCE TO PROGRAM WITHOUT IT:

This Driver Education course includes 24 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training. All course work is done by certified teachers and conforms to the requirements of the State of New York Dept. of Education and Dept. of Motor Vehicles. It is open to any high school student who is currently enrolled in a diploma or a certificate program or who has graduated from high school. An MV-285 (Trained Driver Certificate) is awarded upon successful completion of the course.

AGE REQUIREMENTS, PERMITS AND DRIVING REGULATIONS: Important, please read!!!

The student must be 16 by the first day of the course, but this is a minimum age. **NYS LICENSING LAW DOES NOT ALLOW THE SCHEDULING OF A ROAD TEST UNLESS THE STUDENT IS 18, OR HAS HAD A LEARNERS PERMIT FOR OVER 6 MONTHS.** No permit is required to start Driver Education in an approved high school, but one is needed before the midterm of the semester. When Driver Ed. is finished, 17 and 16 year old permit holders may practice with a parent **only if there is a dual brake in the car in New York City.** After passing the road test, 17 year olds may drive; **16 year olds have no driving privileges in NYC and must wait until they turn 17.**

PAYMENTS – TUITION, REFUNDS, TEXTBOOK:

(NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL LIVE REGISTRATION) The entire tuition is \$520. A \$260 minimum non-refundable deposit will be required when you appear at LIVE REGISTRATION (see attached letter). Make checks payable to: MOORE DRIVER EDUCATION. The balance payment of \$260 is due by the end of the SECOND WEEK of classes. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AT ANY TIME OR FOR ANY REASON.** Payment is by cash, check or money order. No credit card payments can be accepted. ***NOTE: THERE WILL BE A \$30 CHARGE FOR ANY CHECK RETURNED BY THE BANK FOR ANY REASON AND PAYMENT OF ALL MONEY DUE MUST BE MADE IN CASH IMMEDIATELY.***

Textbooks are required for assignments, tests and quizzes, and will be needed for all lecture classes. They will be the student's permanent property and are sold at the Driver Ed. Office at a cost of \$30. **Please note that if you already have a textbook from a sibling or a friend you need not purchase one.**

CONTACTING THE DRIVER ED PROGRAM:

A separate phone number (718) 370-4150 should be used to call us. You may also email us at: mooredrivereducation@gmail.com. Our program is conducted as an after-school and summer program. Our office hours are posted at the top of this page, but please note we are closed when the school is closed during official holidays. We return all messages, both email and telephone, on the day we return to school. If you call when the office is unattended, you will get an answering machine. Please leave your name and phone number and we will return your calls promptly.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

There will be live registration sessions where parents will pay tuition, sign Covid waivers and select their day/time slots. Parents will be emailed to come down in small groups based on their registration number and will be called by that same number to select.

Make sure you choose classes which you know you can attend on a regular weekly basis for the entire term. ***Sports team members should check their schedules with their coaches before signing up for classes. Schedules cannot be changed after the term starts for conflicts with after-school activities, jobs, vacations and personal business. Absences will cause failure and there is no refund for a dropped course.***

CLASSES AND TIMES:

DRIVING OPTIONS: Monday through Friday from 245pm through 6:30pm AND Saturdays and Sundays from 7am through 6:30pm.

CLASSROOM LECTURE: VIRTUAL on Google Classroom and ZOOM.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT:

At Moore, we have a program whereby the parent is fully involved in the learning process of his/her teen driver. Frankly, this is the most important part of our program and it is **MANDATORY**. We meet with the parents **at least once**. The first meeting (which is optional) is at the very beginning of the course when we explain what Driver Ed is (and what it isn't), the law and your child's driving, Learners Permit and licensing procedures, requirements of our course, etc. The second meeting (**which is MANDATORY**) is at the end of the course, when Course Completion Certificates (MV-285 Forms) are given to **parents only**. These mandatory meetings at the end of the course are held on BOTH a weeknight and a Saturday morning, to try to accommodate everyone's schedule. You CAN attend the first meeting at the beginning of the course and MUST attend one of the meetings at the end of the course. The schedule for this term's parent meetings is listed at the end of this application right before the registration information. **If a parent or legal guardian does not attend the last meeting, we are required to hold your child's certificate until such time as an arrangement can be made to attend a future meeting.***

*NOTE: Meetings may be by video based on what we will be able to do in the Spring semester.

CLASSES START: February 14th, 2022

CLASSES END: June 26th, 2022

OFF DAYS: President's Week break from February 21st through February 27th and a two week Easter break from April 11th through April 24th. Driving classes on Memorial Day (May 30th) will be rescheduled by the driving instructors.

PARENT MEETINGS: (TBD)

ORIENTATION MEETING: (TBD)

FINAL MEETING: (TBD)

YOUR REGISTRATION # IS _____ (for office use only)

SPRING 2022

Name _____ (As it appears on Birth Certificate)

PARENT CELL# _____

STUDENT CELL# _____

Parent email address _____

Student email address _____

Address _____ Zip _____

High School _____

Date of birth: _____

I am the parent/guardian of the student named above and I give my permission for him/her to take the Driver Education Course at Moore Catholic High School. I also understand that certain "Covid Rules" may be in effect for the Spring semester. I also understand that all payments are non-refundable no matter what the reason may be. ONLY sign your consent for this course if you have read the entire application.

Parent/Guardian Signature