

SPRING 2023 DRIVER EDUCATION

Dear Future Driver Ed Families,

I hope everyone is staying safe and enjoying 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. While we are all used to the lecture classes being live and having four students in a car with the instructor, we have been running our program a little differently than usual since Covid restrictions were first implemented by the DMV and the State Education Department.

With that being said, our Spring 2023 semester is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 13th and will conclude on Sunday, June 25th. There will be a one week President's Week break from Monday, February 20th through Sunday, February 26th and a two week Easter break from Monday, April 3rd through Sunday, April 16th. Lecture classes will continue to run virtually via a Google Classroom/ZOOM curriculum for sixteen weeks, 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. At live registration they will choose the "A" group (odd numbered weeks) or the "B" group (even numbered weeks). 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 as to which option you prefer until you are standing in front of me in a few weeks during live registration making payment, picking driving days/times and picking up course materials. We will have available driving options from Monday through Friday, 245pm through 5:45pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 8am through 3pm.

All you need to do right now is 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 term has been reached. PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY MONEY with this application, as it will not be accepted. You will be notified by email in a few weeks to come in and register live, make payment, and pick up the textbook and course materials. Please provide email addresses for you and your child that are checked regularly. The tuition for the full course is \$530, while the "lecture-only" option is \$290. 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 2023 SEMESTER

Moore Catholic High School Driver Education

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Driver Education Email Address: mooredrivereducation@gmail.com

Spring Semester Begins: February 13th, 2023

Spring Semester Ends: June 25th, 2023

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 and enrolled in a continuing degree program. 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. 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, 16 and 17 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 legally, but 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 \$530. A \$265 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 \$265 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. Missed driving sessions FOR ANY REASON AT ALL are scheduled directly with the instructor upon the student's return to class, will likely take place at the end of our semester, and at a charge of \$35 per missed session. Instructor's will have full schedules and do makeups on their own free time off.

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, which is the best way to get a prompt response. Our program is conducted as an after-school and summer program. 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 when messages are checked.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

There will be live registration sessions where parents will pay tuition, select their day/time slots, and pick up course materials. 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.

CLASSES AND TIMES:*DRIVING OPTIONS:*

Monday through Friday from 2:45pm through 5:45pm AND Saturdays and Sundays from 8am through 6:30pm. Students will drive for 45 minutes, every other week, for eight total sessions. At live registration they will choose the "A" group (odd numbered weeks) or the "B" group (even numbered weeks).

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. Parents should be checking messages on Google Classroom regularly and should be making sure their child is doing all required work prior to the submission deadlines. All posted videos (Orientation Meeting, Final Parent Meeting, etc.) should be watched with your child.

CLASSES START: February 13th, 2023

CLASSES END: June 25th , 2023

OFF DAYS: President's Week break from Monday, February 20th through Sunday, February 26th and a two week Easter break from Monday, April 3rd through Sunday, April 16th. We are also off on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day which will be rescheduled with your instructor.

ORIENTATION MEETING: Video to be posted on Google Classroom on February 12th, 2023.

FINAL MEETING: Video to be posted on Google Classroom on June 21st, 2023.

YOUR REGISTRATION # IS _____ (for office use only)

SPRING 2023

NAME _____ (As it appears on Birth Certificate)

PARENT CELL# _____

STUDENT CELL# _____

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____

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 any and 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