

# Southwest Iowa Driver's Education



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Welcome to Southwest Iowa Driver's Education. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide you and your family Driver's Education. We hope you have a meaningful and educational experience. Any feedback with your thoughts on how we can improve is always welcome. Please feel free to speak to me personally, or email me any questions or concerns. Driver's Education in Iowa is 100% controlled by the Iowa Department of Transportation. Southwest Iowa Driver's Education will always act in accordance with those guidelines set forth by the Iowa D.O.T.

## IOWA DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Iowa Code section 321.178 mandates thirty clock hours of classroom instruction and six or more clock hours of laboratory instruction. This Code section also mandates that the classroom instruction include all of the following:

- A minimum of four hours of instruction concerning substance abuse
- A minimum of twenty minutes of instruction concerning railroad crossing safety
- Instruction relating to becoming an organ donor under the revised uniform anatomical gift Act as provided in chapter 142C
- Instruction that provides awareness about sharing the road with bicycles and motorcycles. Materials will help create awareness about sharing the road with bicycles and motorcycles shall also be distributed during the course of instruction.

## Classes

Each student is required to complete thirty hours worth of instruction. For our purposes we will be having twenty hours worth of classes at Murray High School . For our remaining ten hours of instruction, the student will be completing those hours at home. These home instruction hours will be done in a variety of ways including: A Google Slide presentation which includes instruction and embedded videos for the student to watch and complete their study guide as they progress through the presentation. There will also be a paper for the student to write in which they will work on both in the classroom and from home. All students will need an electronic device (laptop, chromebook, cell phone, or ipad) where they can access our Google Classroom on a regular basis. They will need to join our Google Classroom with a PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS. Any student who uses the district's wi-fi for inappropriate reasons may be dismissed from the class without refund.

For our on campus classes, please enter through the main High School Doors and proceed to the commons. There is no reason to be really early to class, the teachers won't get there until briefly before class time due to driving with students prior to class.

Every day at the end of class we will have the students pick up their classroom area and then they will start coming out of the front of the school. Please do everything you can to have a ride for them at the end of class. I do realize that illnesses, and conflicts will arise and may cause a student to miss some class time. Any student who has missed a class or a portion of a class during the session will need to attend the makeup session to make up their time.

During the class we will be taking assessments to measure student learning. The goal of the assessments is for the teacher to evaluate what needs clarification or reteaching. Any concept missed on the test will be corrected by the student. Southwest Iowa Driver's Education can adapt any test to accommodate students with academic needs. Please contact me directly via email if your student would benefit from an audio version, or verbal version of our test. Any student who doesn't pass our written test will need to attend the makeup session for retesting and instruction.

Our seven on campus class dates are:

<u>Class #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
#1	Monday July 7th	1:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.
#2	Tuesday July 8th	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
#3	Thursday July 10th	1:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.
#4	Friday July 11th	1:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.
#5	Monday July 14th	1:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.
#6	Tuesday July 15th	1:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.
#7	Wednesday July 16th	1:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.
Makeup Class	To be determined	

### Classroom Behavior

I will be very transparent with you when it comes to behavior in the classroom. I tell the students that this class isn't required, they can get their license at age eighteen by going to the Iowa D.O.T. and they don't have to take Driver's Ed. In the event that we are having listening issues, distraction issues, or effort issues, you will simply receive an email from me asking you to have a conversation with your student about the issue. If the issue persists, or is severe, I will request a meeting with Murray CSD Administration, myself and the parents to discuss future actions. Very seldom do we have "removal issues", but we often do have kids who need to have a reminder of why we are here. I take this class very seriously due to the danger we face everyday on the roadways. I won't allow a student or group of students to ruin it for the others.

Students are encouraged to bring an electronic device to use for research in the classroom. Any student who uses the Murray Community School District's Wi-Fi for inappropriate reasons will be dismissed from the class without refund. During the class we will be taking assessments to measure student learning. The goal of the assessments is for the teacher to evaluate what needs clarification or reteaching. Any concept missed on the test will be corrected by the student. Southwest Iowa Driver's Education can adapt any test to accommodate students with academic needs. Please contact me directly via email if your student would benefit from an audio version, or verbal version of our test.

## Drive Times

Each student is required to drive six times with an instructor. They are also required to observe a partner for six hours. Each time a student drives they need to bring their permit with them. Students will be asked to participate when they aren't driving, I don't want the kids to be on their cell phone the whole time they aren't driving. It isn't a zero tolerance ban, or anything like that, it is just a request for the passengers to participate and follow along.

Every single time a student drives, we will have to communicate where the driver will meet the student. For our purposes we will use the following to locations at meeting places.

- Murray High School
- Caseys (We will park at the gas pumps or in front of the building - our license plates will say SIDE 1 (Gray Van) , SIDE 2 (Dark Equinox), or SIDE 3 (Dark Equinox).

Oftentimes we get students who request a ride home or a pick-up at home. We can sometimes accommodate that, but the student must be comfortable driving in the car with just them and the instructor. We don't schedule students as solo drivers but the situation does arise on drop offs and pickups. Please do the best you can for prompt pickups and drop offs of your student.

Here is a guideline we use for our driving times:

#1. Local / Osceola Driving - Highway, & Parking

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#3 Creston Driving - Highway, & Parking

#4 Drive Test

#5 Destination Driving - drive to a nearby local town.

#6 Interstate Driving

At the end of our driving curriculum the instructor is required to make a decision on whether or not the student is safe to be on the road by themselves. If the student is deemed a safe driver then they will be entered into the "Iowa D.O.T. Portal" as having completed Driver's Education. This allows them to go to the D.O.T. and get a license whenever they are eligible. They won't be required to take a D.O.T. Drive Test or a written test.

If a student is not road ready at the end of six hours the instructor will give the parent/student two options.

1. The student can be entered into the Iowa D.O.T. Portal saying they MUST TAKE A DRIVE TEST WITH THE D.O.T. This means that the student can go to the D.O.T. at any time after practicing more, but will need to take a DOT Drive Test when they go to get their license. This gives the student opportunities to practice with their parents, or guardian and then go in and take the test when they feel comfortable.
2. The student also has the option to drive extra hours with the instructor. This is in hope to see enough improvement to be deemed road safe. There is no guarantee that this will accomplish that, and driving with the D.O.T. is still an option at the end of the extra hours of driving.

It is my intent that all students will complete the course at the program's end. Upon completion of the course, students will be entered into the Iowa D.O.T. Portal as a student who has completed Driver's Ed. However, students with excessive absences, tardies, or disruptive behaviors, will be dismissed from the class without refund.

### School Permits

In Iowa a student must be 14 ½ and have completed Driver's Education before they can get their school permit. Here is the process of obtaining a school permit for your Murray student.

**Stop in to the Murray High School Office and ask for the paperwork to obtain a school permit. Take the paperwork home and fill it out with your parents. .**

- a. Request a meeting with your principal who will have the final approval for you getting your school permit. WHAT IS MURRAY'S PROCESS??**
- b. Take the approved paperwork to the Treasurer at the Courthouse to get your license.
- c. Remember that a school permit now includes the new "Farm Permit" allowing a student to drive up to 50 miles each way for farm related work.

Other Notes:

- Since it will be asked, yes the kids can have food in our DE vehicles. I just ask them to pick up after themselves. We stop at Casey's A LOT, it gives us a chance to get out of the car for a second, get gas, or get a drink.
- If for some reason class is canceled or postponed, I will put all the details on our Facebook Page first. Follow us on Facebook and then just stop in and check for updates.

If this session sounds like something you are interested in please let us know. If you are a Murray student you must sign up at the Murray High School Office. If your student doesn't go to Murray CSD, then fill out a registration form and mail it to Southwest Iowa Driver's Education. (Checks made out to SIDE).

Thank you,

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**Cost of the class is \$350 per student**

Parent Name:\_\_\_\_\_Cell Phone # (to receive texts) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name:\_\_\_\_\_Cell Phone # (to receive texts) \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Town:\_\_\_\_\_

Session you are interested in registering for:\_\_\_\_\_

If you are a student from Creston, Diagonal, East Union, Mt. Ayr, Murray, Nodaway Valley or West Central Valley, and are taking a class on your own campus, DO NOT SEND ANY PAYMENTS TO US. Return your registration form, proof of permit, and payment to your high school office.

For "OPEN ENROLLED STUDENTS" (not on your own campus/district) please fill out the registration form and mail in payment and registration form to the above address.

A parent may opt their student out of our class at any time prior to the second class of the session and a full refund will be given. Any student who fails to complete the requirements of our class or is removed from class for disciplinary reasons will not be given a refund.

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_

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Payment Type:\_\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_\_Date Deposited:\_\_\_\_\_

Date entered into Iowa D.O.T. Portal:\_\_\_\_\_