

# DHS Driver Education

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Summer 2024

### 1. How do students sign up for DHS Driver Education?

Dickinson High School offers a summer Driver Education course over 9 sessions in May/June and July. Please see question 9.

Applications will be available on the school website and emailed to students and parent/guardians on the afternoon of Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. **You will need your students @dpschools.org account to register or a Gmail account.**

Parent/guardians and students need to fill out the online application, have it electronically signed by a parent/guardian and the student, then submit the application electronically.

Driver Education carries a fee of \$225.00. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PLACED IN A CLASS/SESSION UNTIL THE \$225 FEE IS PAID.**

Students who sign up to take driver education because of loss of license or court ordered will have to pay full tuition of \$450 before being placed in a class/session.

### 2. What is required to sign up?

As stated above, the student and parent/guardian need to fill out the application electronically sign it and submit the application. The student **must be entering** grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 in the fall of 2024.

Students must be a minimum of 14 years old when classroom instruction starts.

**STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO BEHIND THE WHEEL UNLESS THEY ARE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD.** ANY BIRTHDAYS DURING CLASSTIME MEANS YOU CANNOT DRIVE UNTIL THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT IS MET.

A clear picture of your student's birth certificate or Driver Permit must be uploaded in the proper place on the application. A Learners Permit is **NOT** required for Behind the Wheel participation.

All the requirements for sign-up are available on the application.

### 3. When does registration occur?

Applications will be accepted starting on the afternoon of April 1<sup>st</sup> until May 6<sup>th</sup>. Classes fill up quickly, so please be punctual in completing your child's registration and payment.

#### 4. How much does it cost?

Driver Education carries a fee of **\$225.00**. **Students will not be placed in classes or permitted to drive until the fee is paid.** A link to MySchoolBucks will be provided to pay the Driver Education Fee.

Students who sign up to take driver education because of **loss of license** or court ordered will have to pay full tuition. The cost to these students will be **\$450.00**.

#### 5. What do I need to know about COVID Guidelines and face coverings?

**Students will be required to follow Dickinson Public Schools COVID Guidelines on the campus of Dickinson High School and in the DHS Driver Education vehicles.**

**At this time** face coverings are **NOT** required to be worn on the DHS Campus or in DHS Driver Education vehicles.

Repeated failures to comply will result in forfeiture of the \$225 fee and removal from the program. **If you will not, or cannot, support the policies, COVID or otherwise, of the Dickinson Public Schools then your child will not be allowed to take part in the Driver Education Program.**

#### 6. What does the Driver's Ed course consist of?

**The coursework** consists of 30 classroom hours. Students completing the course will receive .25 school credit graded as pass/fail.

The **Behind The Wheel (BTW)** section includes 6 observation hours and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel driving.

#### 7. How do I pass Driver's Education?

Students will have to complete all 30 hours of coursework with a passing grade and complete all 12 of the BTW hours proficiently - 6 hours of proficient driving and 6 hours of acceptable observation. Students who are behavior problems may be dismissed from the program and no refund will be issued.

#### 8. When does the coursework begin and end?

Dickinson High School will be offering summer Driver Education course in two sessions: Late May/June and late June/July.

#### 9. What days/times are lectures and classroom instruction offered?

**Sessions listed below are examples of potential sessions from summer 2023. Your child will need to be present for all the dates and hours of Driver Education class.**

Session #1	Mr. Scott Miller	May 30,31 June 1,2,5,6	8:00-12:30 & June 7	8:00-11:00
Session #2	Mr. Jim Steckler	May 30,31 June 1,2,5,6	8:00-12:30 & June 7	8:00-11:00
Session #3	Mrs. Amy Wyant	May 30,31 June 1,2	8:00 -12:30	1:00-4:00
Session #4*	Co-taught	May 30,31 June 1,2	12:00 -6:00 & June 3	9:00-3:00

\*Mr. Dave Michaelson will teach the classroom. \*Mr. Gerald Holinka will complete Behind the Wheel.

Session #5	Mr. Jim Steckler	June 27,28,29,30 July 5,6	8:00-12:30 & July 7	8:00-11:00
Session #6	Mrs. Amy Wyant	June 27,28,29,30	8:00 -12:30	1:00-4:00
Session #7	Mr. Dave Michaelson	June 27,28,29,30 July 5,6	8:00-12:30 & July 7	8:00-11:00

**Students will be required to be in person at DHS during their instructor's scheduled hours and days for class presentations and instruction.**

**10. Will I need a Chromebook or headphones to complete coursework?**

**Chromebook:** Students will need a device (laptop, Chromebook) to complete coursework. **Dickinson Public Schools (DPS) students will keep their school issued devices at the end of the year**, from DHS or DHS, and turn them into DHS at the end of the driver education coursework.

Non-DPS students will be issued a DHS Chromebook at no cost. You will be required to return the device in the condition that it was issued. If the device is damaged you will be required to pay DHS the cost of repairs or lost charger, case, etc. Until these fees are taken care no certification will be issued.

**Headphones:** **Students will need to bring headphones that plug into a Chromebook. Headphones will not be provided**, bring your own. If you do not bring headphones, then the closed caption feature will be utilized on your device.

Apple devices/accessories **are not compatible** with our programming or Chromebooks.

**11. What happens if I have softball practice/game, baseball practice/game or an athletic camp, family vacation scheduled etc. during my coursework sessions?**

Students will be required to be available in person at DHS during their instructor's scheduled hours and days for class presentations and instruction. **Drivers Education coursework sessions will take priority over all other activities/events.**

**12. When will behind the wheel sessions be scheduled?**

Instructors will be hired, and cars leased based upon registration numbers. Instructors will start to schedule driving times for students during the first day of class. **Payment has to have been received before a student will be scheduled into a class.** Parents, please make sure your child has a copy of dates for their summer commitments (vacations, camps, etc.) so instructors can effectively schedule drive times. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO BEHIND THE WHEEL UNLESS THEY ARE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD AND THE \$225 PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.**

**13. What days/times are driving sessions offered?**

Instructors will schedule driving times during the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the class/session.

**14. What happens if a student misses class/driving?**

Please contact your students Driver Education Instructor if there is an emergency. **Students will be required to be available in person at DHS during their instructor's scheduled hours and days for class presentations and instruction.**

**15. What is Alive At 25 (AA25)?**

Alive at 25 (AA25) is a highly interactive 4.5-hour program targeted toward drivers under the age of 25 that helps young drivers take greater responsibility for their driving. Alive at 25 incorporates Reality Therapy and Choice™ Theory techniques to help

participants identify the five basic needs that drive human behavior. Successful completion of Alive at 25 (AA25) is approved for Insurance Discount by most auto insurance companies.

Students will have the AA25 curriculum as part of their coursework.

- Students will need the following information to register for AA25:
  - Legal First Name
  - Legal Last Name
  - Date of Birth
  - Mailing Address (Home)
  - Permit Number (If you have one)
  - Phone Number
  - Email Address

16. **What happens if I have more questions?**

Please contact DHS Student Affairs at 701-456-0030.