

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Driver Education! This is an exciting time. The freedom that comes with driving is something that young drivers and parents alike, look forward to with wrapped anticipation. However, as we've learned since we were young, increased freedom comes with increased responsibility, and the real-world risks and potentially devastating consequences of driving crashes are unlike any peril most teens have dealt with before. Please help your child to be successful in this process. The state requires that the students attend **every** lecture and driving session. Only 2 lecture make-ups are allowed [for emergencies ONLY]. Please go over the schedule of classes and driving sessions with your child to make sure that there are no conflicts. All the requirements and grading policies for the lecture portion of Driver's Ed are spelled out very clearly in the Course Outline which you can find at the Driver's Education Website: pobschools.org/domain/594. *If your child misses more than 2 lectures or does not fulfill all of the course requirements and pass the final, they will not receive their completion certificate.*

I also need *your* help directly. Before your child takes the road test, New York State requires that the student driver has had *50 hours* of driving experience behind the wheel – *15 of these hours at night*. (This supervised driving practice is **crucial** for the new driver.) The 6 hours of behind the wheel practice from the driving sessions count towards this total which leaves 44 hours that is up to the parents/guardians. To help you work toward this goal, your child must complete 20 hours of supervised driving for the lecture portion of the Driver's Education class to put the issues, skills, and concepts we discuss in class into practice. The students must keep logs with the dates and times of all supervised driving and these logs must be signed by the supervising parent. Again, the logs and the parent/mentor driving assignment are explained in the Course Outline and online. Please ask your child to share with you the specifics of what we cover in class and use this as a guide for your time in the car. ****Specific tips on how to help your child in the car and suggestions on what to do during these In-Car practice hours are available on the Plainview-Old Bethpage Driver Education Website.**** Thank you in advance for encouraging your child to be responsible and for helping them to be successful! Once you have read this letter and the Course Outline, please fill out the corresponding google form to indicate that you understand and agree to all the requirements for your child to successfully complete the course and receive their certificate. Thank you again for your support!

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