

## Wall Township BOE- Driver Education

Sophomore year is an exciting time for many students because this is the year the driving process begins. There are two parts to the driving process the students will experience this year: 1) Driver Theory, or, otherwise known as, the classroom portion of Driver Education and 2) The permit/licensing process. The differences between these two separate processes will be explained below.

### **Driver Theory:**

To fulfill the Sophomore health requirement, the student will take Driver Theory. The classroom portion of Driver Education will take place throughout the Second Marking Period. The purpose of the classroom portion of Driver Education is to familiarize the students with New Jersey's driving laws and requirements, with the ultimate goal of preparing the students to pass the written driving exam. The written exam is a 50 question, multiple choice exam, developed by the State of New Jersey. The students need to score an 80% or better in order to be eligible to obtain his/her student permit and his/her driver's license. When the students pass the written exam, they will be issued a "Blue Test Card." This test card will be needed when applying for a driving permit.

### **Permit Process:**

There are two options to obtain a driving permit: 1) the student can obtain it when he/she is 16 years old or 2) the student can wait until he/she is 17 years old. (A driving permit can be obtained later than 17 years old, but these are the two most common options students choose).

"The Early Bird Road" or "Option A" in the driving manual, is the process that has to be followed to obtain a permit at 16 years old. Option A requires a student to pass the written driving exam and complete 6-hours of behind the wheel instruction with a certified driving instructor in order to obtain a permit.

"The Young Adult Road" or "Option B" in the driving manual, is the process that has to be followed to obtain a permit at 17 years old. Option B only requires a student to pass the written driving exam to obtain his/her driving permit. Under Option B, a student does not have to complete 6-hours of behind the wheel instruction. The student simply has to take the "Blue Test Card" and 6 points of identification as outlined in the NJ Driving Manual, to the DMV on or after his/her 17th birthday to obtain a driving permit.

Before the students leave on winter break in December, I will hand out driving contracts. If a student is interested in completing his/her 6-hours of behind the wheel driving instruction through the high school, they should return the signed contract to me when we return from winter break in January. The exact date the contracts are due will be set by the time the contracts are handed out to the students. The order in which the students drive depends on two things: 1) The order the contracts are returned and 2) Student birthdays. The DMV does not

permit a driving instructor to obtain a student's unvalidated permit until they turn 16 years old. This means, for example, if the first student on the list does not turn 16 until the summer after their sophomore year and the second student on the list is already 16 years old, then the second student will move up on the list and drive first. Driving sessions usually start the last week of January or the first week of February. This date is subject to change depending on how long it takes to process all of the necessary paperwork. Despite a signed contract, if a student at a later date decides to no longer complete the 6-hours with the high school, please notify me and I will take them off of the driving list.

The cost for completing the 6-hours of behind the wheel driving instruction at the high school is \$300. Each student is to bring a check or money order for \$300 to his/her 1st lesson. NO CASH. The check or money order must be dated the day of the 1st lesson. NO EXCEPTIONS. The check or money order must be made payable to Wall High School. All students will meet his/her driving instructor in front of the school (by the main office) unless otherwise notified.

If you have any questions please email me at [jmusolf@wall.k12.nj.us](mailto:jmusolf@wall.k12.nj.us)

Thank you,

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