

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 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 classroom instruction. For our purposes we will be having twenty-one hours worth of classes at West Central Valley High School . For our remaining nine hours of instruction, the student will be completing those hours at home. The 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. All students will need an electronic device (laptop, chromebook, cell phone, or ipad) where they can access our work from home information on a regular basis. Any student who uses the district's wi-fi for inappropriate reasons may be dismissed from the class without refund.

Students and parents will need to join our class GROUP ME to get the information. This is something new that we started this summer and it has been amazing to have. Teachers will post announcements here, and parents can directly message the teacher with any questions. Here is a QR code to join our Group Me for this class. You can join the group once you register or if you have questions. (You can also email or text me at 641-202-1651)



For our on campus classes, we will be using WCV High School. Enter through the front doors and go 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.

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 doors 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.

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 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. If a student does any intentional damage to school district property or Southwest Iowa Driver's Education property, they will be held responsible for repairing, replacing, or paying for the damage.

Our seven class dates are: (All class dates and times are subject to change).

<u>WCV High School</u>	<u>Day / Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Class #1	Thursday October 29th	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Class #2	Monday November 2nd	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Class #3	Tuesday November 3rd	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Class #4	Wednesday November 4th	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Class #5	Thursday November 5th	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Class #6	Monday November 9th	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Class #7	Tuesday November 10th	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Makeup Class	To Be Determined	To Be Determined

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. For this class we will be using the following locations to meet at the beginning of our drive times.

- WCV High School front doors

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.

You can send money for them to buy something at Casey's for food if you like. We will give the students a chance to eat something.

Here is a guideline we use for our driving times:

#1. Local Driving - (Town driving, Highway driving, Gravel driving, and Parking)

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#3 Adel driving - (Highway, Interstate, and Parking)

#4 Waukee driving - (Highway, Interstate, and Parking)

#5 Waukee driving - (Highway, Interstate, and Parking)

#6 Des Moines driving - (Highway, Interstate, and Parking)

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, must have had their permit for six months, and must have completed Driver's Education before they can get their (SMRL) Special Minor Restricted License. This license will allow them to drive to school, work, or farm related activities (up to 25 miles).

Here is the process of obtaining a SMRL for your WCV student.

- a. Pick up SMRL paperwork from your student's School Office (MS/ HS).
- b. Take the paperwork home and fill it out with your family, then request a meeting with the Middle School or High School Principal.

- c. Upon approval by District Administration, make an appointment at your local treasurer's office and take the paperwork, your permit, and another form of identification with you to your appointment.

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 in our Group Me and then on our Facebook Page. Follow us on Facebook and then just stop in and check for updates.

Here is the process to sign up for our Driver's Education class.

1. Take the information packet and registration form home and discuss the dates and guidelines of the class with your family and see if it works with your schedule.
2. Return your registration form, payment, and proof of permit to the High School Office. ALL PAYMENTS FOR WCV COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS MUST GO THROUGH THE WCV HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE. WCV STUDENTS PLEASE MAKE OUT ALL CHECKS TO WCV SCHOOLS.
3. All students who don't go to West Central Valley Community Schools (Homeschooled, or any other town's students are considered "Open Enrolled" in our class and their registration forms and payments would go directly to Mr. Cooper. You can also mail them to:

Southwest Iowa Driver's Education

1709 West Spencer St.

Creston, Iowa 50801

Please message me if you have any questions or would like more information.

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Cost of the class is \$400 per student - All WCV students please make checks out to WCV Schools.

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: WCV October / November 2026

If you are a student from 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 taking class on your own campus/district) please fill out the registration form and mail in payment and registration form to the above address. If you are open enrolled, please make out checks to Southwest Iowa Driver's Education.

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:_____

