SMITHTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Driver Education Application

Attention Parents & Students - Read The Following Information Very Carefully

A parent/guardian must give consent for their son/daughter to obtain a learner's permit/junior operator's license. This consent may be withdrawn at any time by completing a MV-1W form at the Department of Motor Vehicles. All students must obtain their learners permit prior to the start of Driver Education.

Attendance Policy:

The attendance and course requirements for this class are very strict as they are governed by **STATE LAW**. Upon successful completion of this class you will be receiving a MV285 issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. We are **forbidden** by STATE LAW from issuing a MV285 to anyone who has not met the minimum attendance requirements. There are absolutely no excused absences in this class. **The MV285 will not be issued at the end of the course and the student will receive a failure for the course if course requirements are not met.**

Attitude:

All students enrolled in Driver Education must demonstrate an appropriate attitude and level of maturity in-car, in the lecture class, and during the school day. The MV-285, which allows students to obtain a senior license at age 17, is not intended for those who do not demonstrate this level of maturity. Any involvement with alcohol, drugs, or reckless driving will lead to expulsion from the Driver Education program and forfeiture of the MV285. Students who are enrolled in our district's Driver Education program and who violate driving laws will be subject to penalties in the Driver Education program, up to and including being dropped from the program.

New York State:

Driver & Traffic Safety Education in New York State schools is a course implemented via a joint partnership between the New York State Education Department (NYSED), and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The Driver Education course is intended to educate students (age 16 or older) on appropriate driving skills and habits as well as playing a responsible role in the highway transportation/safety system. Course highlights include 24 hours of classroom instruction and 24 hours of behind the wheel training and observation. Students who satisfactorily complete the course are eligible to receive the MV-285: Student Certificate of Completion. The MV-285 Student Certificate of Completion allows:

1. A NYS Junior Permit holder to schedule a road test,
2. Young drivers a possible reduction in automobile insurance cost (participation is dependent upon insurance provider participation)
3. A 17 year old to receive a senior license (MV-285 form must be submitted to the local DMV to attain this benefit).

The 24 hours of combined "behind the wheel" instruction and observation that the students receive in Driver Education does not fully prepare them to pass a road test. New York State requires 50 hours of practice driving before a road test can be scheduled. Parents will need to provide the additional time.

Spring 2027 Driver Education will be a full in-person program.
No Regents or high school credit can be awarded.

Applications must be completed and returned to the Main Office by December 18th, 2026

Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For **SHS East** information, call Mrs. Baffo at 631-382-2702.

Driver Education Coordinator - Mr. Savage - dsavage@smithtown.k12.ny.us

The attached application must be returned with a non-refundable check for $800 payable to:

"Smithtown Central School District"

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Driver Education Application Spring 2027

Smithtown High School East

Student Name:_____ D.O.B.:_____ High School:_____

Address:_____ Town:_____ Zipcode:_____

PARENT Cell Phone #:_____ **PARENT** Email:_____

Learner's Permit ID# _____ **Students must bring and submit a photo copy of their learner permit when handing in registration documents.**

Transfers between classes will not be permitted.

When selecting a lecture and driving session, the most common way is to choose the lecture and driving on the same day. Morning sessions usually pair with the Saturday driving. We will do our best to honor your choices, but it is not guaranteed.

I would prefer my **lecture class** at: (Please indicate 1st choice, 2nd choice & 3rd choice)

___ **Monday 2:05 - 3:35** ___ **Wednesday 2:05 - 3:35** ___ **Thursday 2:05 - 3:35**

___ **Monday 3:35 - 5:05** ___ **Wednesday 3:35 - 5:05** ___ **Thursday 3:35 - 5:05**

___ **Monday/Wednesday 6:20 - 7:05 AM (before school)**

I would prefer my **in-car class** on: (Please indicate 1st choice, 2nd choice & 3rd choice)

___ **Mon. 2:05 - 3:35** ___**Tues. 2:05 - 3:35** ___**Wed. 2:05 - 3:35** ___**Thurs. 2:05 - 3:35**

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___**Sat.7:00-8:30 A.M.**

___**Sat.8:30-10:00 A.M.**

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Spring 2027 classes will start on Monday, February 1st. All lecture classes will be completed in-person at **HSE in room 152**. Students **MUST** bring their Chromebooks to all of their assigned lecture sessions. As per NYS, no online classes are permitted.

Students **MUST** attend every class on the schedule. ***A schedule of classes has been posted with the registration. Please review those dates before registering.*** No student will be allowed to miss more than three classes or three driving sessions. Students that are absent for more than three classes will fail the course. Any class missed will need to be made up. The lecture teacher will cover how make up classes can be completed during the first class and it will be documented in the course outline.

As per the updated guidelines from NYS, students will receive professional driving lessons from All Care Driving. Students will meet the driving instructors by the **tennis courts for the 2:05 session**. Students will meet the driving instructors in the **front of the building by the main office for the 3:35 session**. Students must respect each other and the driving instructors or will risk failing the course. There is a zero tolerance policy during the driving sessions with cell phone usage, sleeping and distractions to the driver or instructor. While driving the students must be observing the driver and instruction as per New York State rules. Students **MUST** have their permits on them to drive. Making up a driving session is very difficult since the amount of students in a vehicle is restricted to four. If there is no room in a vehicle, a student can not make up a driving session. If a student misses more than one driving session, it becomes very difficult to make up those absences. **With that being said, students with more than one absence will risk not having enough time to make up all missed driving sessions. This may result in being charged an additional fee at the end of the course if the driving school must send an additional car outside of their contractual obligations to accommodate excessive make ups.**

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****Once a student registration is complete and classes are set there will be <u>no refunds</u>. The student must complete the driver education course within the set schedule of classes or will fail the course. Full tuition must be paid to retake the course.****

I have read, understand and accept the responsibilities and obligations outlined in these pages.

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Student's Signature

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian and give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Driver Education program. I have read, understand and accept the responsibilities and obligations outlined in these pages.

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Parent's / Guardian's Signature