**Driver Education Program Curriculum**

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**Text:** Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Driver’s Manual, Passenger Vehicles

A driver’s education textbook

**Goals and Objectives:** The aim of the course is to ensure consistency by standardizing knowledge, skills, and ability of each driver. The course is designed to give information to study for learner’s permit exam and road test (such as safety laws and rules of the road).

The Driver Education program consists of 30 hours of classroom, 12 hours of on road instructions and 6 hours of observation. A requirement of driver’s education is at least a 2 hour class for parents/guardians.

* The RMV curriculum consists of 15, 2 hours modules. The modules are comprised of topic matter that will provide students the skills necessary to obtain a driver’s license and to become conscientious drivers.
* A driver education program consisting of 12 hours on the road instructions with a certified driver education instructor and 6 hours of observation. Each lesson is 2 hours long. A student drives a motor vehicle for 90 minutes and observes another driver for 30 minutes. Total 8 lessons will be offered and students will accrue 4 hours of observation. Students will be scheduled for additional 2 hours observation appointment to fulfill the requirement of 6 hours observation.
* The Intention of Parents/Guardians class is to educate parents/guardians about the content of the driver education program, JOL laws, restrictions and the driving skills and the behaviors their children should be learning throughout the driver education experience.

In addition, presentations, group activities and videos will be used to further learning experience.

***Teaching Style***: Class will begin promptly and there will be a brief quiz at the beginning of every class based on the previous class materials and a quiz at the end of the class to test the knowledge of the subject matter. New material will be presented in lecture format, videos, Guest speakers, Diagrams, Daily newspaper clippings and RMV website with strong student interaction expected. Please bring your textbook and notebooks to each class.

***Classroom Policies***: **Attendance:** Details of attendance policy follow:

1. Attendance is required;
2. If a student misses a class, the student must make up the module that was missed or the course hours will be considered incomplete;
3. Attendance will be recorded at the beginning of every class. Any student entering class after the first 15 minutes of the scheduled class time will be recorded as absent for that day.

 **Promptness:** All students are expected to arrive on time for class.

**Cell Phones and Pagers:** As a courtesy to all members of the class, please make sure that you have turned off all audible noises on your cell phones and pagers.

**Make-ups:** If a student misses a class, the student must make up the module that was missed or the course hours will be considered incomplete.

**Grading**: Your grade for the course will be based on the final exam:

***FINAL EXAM***: A final exam will be offered at the completion of this course. The final exam will test the student’s comprehension of the topics covered in the driver’s education program. A passing grade of eight (80) percent is required.

Final Exam: 100%

The following should serve as a guide for class coverage. It represents modules that are traditionally presented.

Modules Topics to be covered Duration

1 Introduction to Driver’s Education 2 Hours

2 Signs, Signals and Road Markings 2 Hours

3 Understanding the Vehicle and Its Controls 2 Hours

4 Basic Driving Skills 2 Hours

5 Rules of the Road 2 Hours

6 Making Safe Driving Decisions 2 Hours

7 Sharing the Road 2 Hours

8 How Natural Laws Effect Driving 2 Hours

9 Different Driving Environments 2 Hours

10 Driving in All Weather Conditions 2 Hours

11 Mental and Physical Effects on Driving 2 Hours

12 Dangers of Alcohol and Drugs 2 Hours

13 Distracted Driving 2 Hours

14 Consequences of Unsafe Driving and

Poor Decision Making 2 Hours

15 Handling Emergencies and Breakdowns

Final Review and Final Exam 2 Hours

16 Parents/Guardians Class 2 Hours

**Part II: Final Examination/Final Review**

Final Exam: To test the students’ Knowledge of the material taught throughout the Driver Education Program.

Final Review: The final review is an opportunity to conduct a comprehensive review of what students have learned in the classroom. The final review includes a variety of different activities that address the different learning styles present in the classroom.

The exam consists of (50) questions. At least thirty (30) percent of the questions pertain to the rules of the road. The remaining questions are mixture of Driver’s Education materials covered throughout the course. A Passing grade of eighty (80) percent is required.

**Parent/Guardian Curriculum**

Topic Outline

* Driver’s Education Overview
	+ Purpose and class structure
	+ Expectations
	+ Curriculum modules
* Junior Operator’s Law
* The Safe Driver Law
* Necessary Driving Skills and Behaviors
* Parent’s Role
	+ Coaching and mentoring
	+ Supporting junior operator law
	+ Role model