

LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Please visit: www.dmv.ny.gov to stay in step
with the current requirements.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

- You should take your child to the Motor Vehicle Department and make the necessary arrangements to obtain a permit.
- Permit holder restrictions - Nassau/Suffolk Counties - a student may only drive between 5 AM and 9 PM **and** must be accompanied by a licensed parent, guardian, person in position of loco parentis, or Driver Education teacher. Please check the Department of Motor Vehicles website for further regulations: www.dmv.ny.gov
- You should immediately notify your insurance carrier that your child has a permit and will be practice driving with your car. Remember you are liable for your child's actions.

GENERAL Questions & Answers:

- Students must pass **both** the classroom and the road training phases of the Driver Education Course separately, in order to obtain a Certificate of Completion (MV -285), formerly known as the "blue card."
- All assignments must be complete, including notebook, research paper, article summaries and textbook work to obtain a passing grade.
- Make-up time can be accepted for 3 absences only. Arrangements for make-up classes can be arranged through your child's Driver Education Instructor. NY State laws dictates that a fourth absence results in a withdrawal from the program.

REFUND POLICY:

Period of Official Withdrawal:	Refund:
During first 3 weeks	100%
During weeks 4 – 6	50%
After week 6	0%

*If your child is withdrawn due to medical reasons, you may appeal the refund amount. Appeals are treated case by case.

- It should be noted that when a student accepts a make-up assignment, it is the same as a regular class and counts as an absence if the student misses it.
- Students who violate the law do not qualify for a MV-285 and will be removed from the Driver Education Program **without refund**. Example: Driving to school with a Class 6 (Junior License) by him/herself.
- Any student who is suspended for alcohol or drug related offences will be removed from the Driver Education Program **without refund**.
- Any student who is suspended for improper operation of a motor vehicle on school grounds will be removed from the Driver Education Program **without refund**

DRIVER EDUCATION LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS LECTURE GUIDE AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. TESTS. All students are to read and become familiar with the class textbook Responsible Driving. Ten tests will be given covering all the chapters. See test schedule for test order, dates and chapter orders. Test 6 is the NY State Drug and Alcohol test and is not from the textbook. A Final Exam will cover the entire textbook.
2. NOTEBOOK. All students are required to keep a notebook. The notebook may be a small 50- page spiral type. Students must keep a pocket folder to contain hand-outs and forms.
3. RESEARCH PAPER. All students are required to turn in a Research Report on a topic assigned in class. Research Report requirements will be discussed on a later date.
4. ATTENDANCE. Lecture class meets for 24 hours. Road training class meets for 24 hours. All absences must be made up. ANY STUDENT WITH 4 OR MORE ABSENCES, EVEN IF THE PREVIOUS 3 ARE MADE-UP, WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION- MV285. (BLUECARD) THIS IS BASED ON CLASSES, NOT DAYS—EXAMPLE: A STUDENT HAS TWO CLASSES ON A PARTICULAR DAY AND IS ABSENT FOR THE ENTIRE DAY, THAT STUDENT NOW HAS TWO ABSENCES FOR THOSE TWO CLASSES. STUDENTS WITH 3 ABSENCES MUST HAVE 3 MAKE-UPS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE DRIVER EDUCATION.
5. PRACTICE. No student can pass this course or the State Road Test with only six (6) hours behind the wheel of a Driver Education car. It is highly recommended that you practice at home to continue developing your driving skills. New York State requires 50 hours including 15 at night all together of behind the wheel driving in order to take your road test.
6. Cell phones must be turned-off in lecture as well as in the car. Flip-flops may not be worn during driving sessions.

Driver Education- Additional answers to common questions...

1. If school is cancelled, AM and PM Driver ed classes are cancelled.
2. If there is a delayed opening, AM Driver ed is cancelled; there will be an announcement made during the school day regarding PM Driver ed as the weather/roads may improve.
3. If afterschool activities are cancelled; PM Driver ed is cancelled.
4. If it is raining, stormy, or begins to snow during a Driver ed road session, the instructor will use his/her discretion as to whether or not to end class early.
5. Saturday instructors will notify their respective road students as far as changes, cancellations, and make-ups.

6. Students must place their cell phones in the trunk of the car during a road class, however they are permitted to make calls home if Driver ed is running late or ending early.
7. Students will be notified by their road instructor of changes in the schedule. Students must speak to their road instructor in advance if they need to switch a particular day due to an unavoidable conflict. The instructor will try to accommodate the student and create a “pre make-up.” Pre make- ups do not count as absences.
8. Classes cancelled by the instructor or due to the weather or other circumstances, Do Not count as absences, however the time must be made up.
9. If a student misses a class, it is an absence and must be made up. As per NY State law, students are allowed three made-up absences, a fourth absence may mean withdrawal from the program.
10. Lecture instructors will notify their respective road students as far as changes, cancellations, and make-ups.