30 HOUR FULL DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE CLASS SYLLABUS



COURSE EXPECTATIONS:

- Students must be present for the entire 2-hour session
- Students should expect to participate in class when called on by the instructor
- Instructors will take attendance periodically throughout class time to make sure all students are present, including after the 10-minute mid-class break.
- Students are required to sign their full name for Modules 1-15 and the final exam.
- At least one parent must attend Class 16, the mandatory parent class, unless they have completed a Parent Class with another child within the last 5 years. The parent who attends is also responsible for providing their signature once it is completed.
- Students will need to take and pass a 50 question final exam with an 80% or better. All Modules 1-15 MUST be completed prior to taking the final exam. If a student has been marked absent for any module and still takes the final it will not count and the student will be required to retake the exam.
- Students & parents must comply with our code of conduct policies outlined in our student handbook.

DIGITAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS:

For more in-depth info on zoom class requirements, please refer to **the student handbook.**

- Legal name as display name
- Cameras on & pointed at you
- Please come ready to learn & take notes
- Show up and be on time log in 10-15 min early to avoid any last-minute issues
- Avoid digital multitasking

STUDENT RESOURCES:

- MA Driver Manual
- FAQs
- <u>New Driver Road Map</u>
- Student Portal
- The Next Street Website
- Zoom Requirements

SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES:

Follow us for access to new driver resources, instructional videos, contests, updates & more!







Intro to Driver's Education

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Basics of driver's ed at TNS
- Junior Operator License (JOL) laws
- Risks facing teens
- License eligibility
- Common causes for license test failures



Signs, Signals and Road Markings

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Types of traffic signs
- Pavement markings & meanings
- Traffic & pedestrian signals
- SEE driving strategy
- Managing space, time & visibility

CLASS 3



Understanding the Vehicle and Its Controls

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Pre-trip inspection of your vehicle
- Properly adjusting mirrors, steering wheel and seat
- Checking areas of limited visibility
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Vehicle controls and indicator lights



 Lane changes, intersections, cornering & parking





Rules of the Road

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Urban & rural driving
- Highway transportation system
- Time & distance to hazards
- Driving on hills & curves
- Intersections, traffic circles & proper lane use



Making Safe Driving Decisions

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Driver assistance technologies
- Crumple zones, airbags, seatbelts, child restraints
- Identifying different types of road rage & how to manage it

CLASS 7



Sharing The Road

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Pedestrians, animals, bicycles, motorcycles, heavy vehicles & school buses
- Work zones
- Emergency vehicles
- Cooperation & interaction with law enforcement



How Natural Laws Affect Driving

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Friction and traction points
- Factors affecting traction
- Kinetic energy & law of inertia
- Curves & weight transfer
- Force of impact



CLASS 9

Different Driving Environments

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Highway systems & interchanges
- Entrance ramp & merging
- Lane selection & changing lanes safely
- Exiting the highway
- Toll plazas

CLASS 10

Driving in All Weather Conditions

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Weather and its effects on driving
- Driving at night & proper headlight use
- Mountain and desert driving
- Potholes & dirt roads

CLASS 11

Mental & Physical Effects on Driving

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Fatigue
- Field of vision and vision standards
- Chronic illness, physical disability & medication
- Emotions & their effect on driving
- Alcohol & drug use

CLASS 12

Dangers of Drugs & Driving (Part 1)

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Alcohol & its effects on driving
- Tolerance & Blood alcohol content
- Driver responsibility & liability
- Standardized field sobriety check
- OUI conviction penalties

CLASS 13

Dangers of Drugs & Driving (part 2) TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Review: alcohol & its effects on driving
- Drug classifications
- Cannabis & driving
- Law enforcement





Unsafe Driving & Poor Decision Making

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Administrative laws
- Owning & registering a vehicle
- Right of way rules
- What to do in an accident
- Distracted driving

Final Review

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Final review
- What to do in an emergency

CLASS 15

- Steps to follow in the event of a breakdown
- Vehicle failures: fire, stuck pedals, brake failure, headlight failure, overheating
- Flat tires & changing a tire
- Managing front & rear tire skids
- Head on, side impact and rear end collisions
- Unusual occurrences

CLASS 16

Parent Class

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Basics of driver's ed at TNS
- Junior Operator License (JOL) laws
- Social Host Laws
- Parents' role as a Driving Coach



Final Exam

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Cumulative exam of all course content
- All modules 1-15 must be completed prior to taking; if a student takes the exam, but has been marked absent, it will not count and they will have to retake it.
- 50 questions
- Students need 80% to pass