

# RIVERTON HIGH DRIVER EDUCATION

The following is not a comprehensive description of our Driver Education program, but it will help you to get a basic idea of how our system works. Our current department webpage is under construction at the moment and will have more info added as it becomes available ([www.rivertonhigh.com](http://www.rivertonhigh.com), click on “School Information” & then “Departments”).

**Fee:** \$95 during the regular school year, \$140 during summer school, fee waivers must be approved by the RHS administration. Summer school is not available on a fee waiver.

**Attendance:** Utah state law requires that students receive a minimum of 30 hours driver education in the classroom (21 block days). Any type of absence or tardy counts against a student’s 30 hours of instruction whether it is excused or not. **IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PASS THIS CLASS IF THE STATE MANDATED 30-HOUR MINIMUM OF CLASS TIME IS NOT MET.** We do provide one special makeup day (2 class periods) at the end of each quarter.

**Course Objectives:** It is our position that Driver Education is merely a “*beginning*” for students. While we cannot provide them with every driving experience and all-encompassing driving wisdom, we do believe that focusing on basic fundamentals of attitude and skill can help a driver education student *begin* to develop safe and sound driving habits that become lifetime skills. The course objectives below are based upon a practical philosophy of defensive driving. We strive to help students to:

1. understand the importance of a mature, responsible driving attitude.
2. become 100% safety belt users.
3. understand the dangers and costs of impaired driving.
4. begin learning basic driving skills.
5. learn and start practicing **The 15 Good Driving Habits** (the entire curriculum is based upon this list of defensive driving concepts)
6. learn and obey the rules of the road.
7. prepare to pass the state written driver license exam and the state road test.

**Learner Permits:** Students must have a valid learner permit in order to do any driving in R.H.S. Dr. Ed. The best time to get a permit is approximately 15 years and 3-6 months of age. Getting a permit at age 15 makes it virtually impossible to get your license before it expires on the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. We encourage students to get their permits before they take the class; however, it is not required. But, if a student does not get the permit before the end of the quarter of Dr. Ed. enrollment, the highest classroom grade they can receive is a C-. Get your permit!! Please go to [driverlicense.utah.gov](http://driverlicense.utah.gov) for more specific information on how to get a valid Utah learner permit.

**Summer School 2010:** Information and registration forms for the 2010 summer session will be available at the main offices of Riverton High School, Oquirrh Hills Middle School, and South Hills Middle School on Monday, March 15th as well as on the school website at [www.rivertonhigh.com](http://www.rivertonhigh.com). *The dates/times for this class have not been finalized and may not be finalized until March 15<sup>th</sup>, but you can be assured that the dates/times of the class will fall sometime between Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.* The summer class is usually taught over a 15-20 day period with no classes on weekends. During that time there will be 30 hours of classroom instruction given. *There are no other “special times” that students can attend.* Students must turn 16 prior to October 15, 2010—no exceptions. We will sign up a maximum of 80 students on a first come-first served basis. If you would like to take summer school but the July class will not work for you, please contact neighboring high schools to see if their class schedule can accommodate you—every high school in the Jordan School District runs a summer Dr. Ed. class and the times and dates vary based upon when individual department chairs decide to schedule classes. You are welcome to take their course if they have room for you.

We currently drive nearly 1,200 students per calendar year. It is our goal to help your son or daughter enjoy a good start in driving by helping him or her to develop a mature, responsible driving attitude and set of basic defensive driving skills. If you have specific questions or concerns, please communicate with me via email (see below). It is the easiest and most convenient way for me to respond and help you. Please leave a phone number in your communication in case I need to call you. Thanks! ([steven.galley@jordan.k12.ut.us](mailto:steven.galley@jordan.k12.ut.us))

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