

Newton Community Education

A Program of the Newton Public Schools
140 Brandeis Road, Newton, MA 02459
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Summer Term 2010

Dear Driver Education Students and Parents,

Thank you for choosing NCE along with the Brookline Driving School for your Driver Education program. In the following pages, you'll find some very important information, and the application. Please keep these pages for your future reference. The application page is to be returned to us along with your payment. All instructions are enclosed.

A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES WE'D LIKE YOU TO READ

(1) On-the-road lessons are scheduled between the student (with a learner's permit) and the driving school once classes have begun. (Driving lessons are not given during class time.) It is important to remember that two or more students must be in the car at all times—lessons cannot take place with individual students. Students may book lessons with classmates, friends, or a family member. It is the student's responsibility to schedule with a "buddy." Students having difficulty should see the instructor while classes are in session—if you wait until the classes are over, there will be no way we can help. Please anticipate and plan ahead! Call 617-232-9400 to book your lessons.

(2) A card will be given to each student on which class attendance and driving lessons are recorded. Students must take responsibility for keeping this card and presenting it to their instructor at each class or driving lesson. It is this card that will allow you to get your certificate so that you can go for your final road test. **DO NOT LOSE THIS CARD**, and be prepared to turn it in when you have completed your all your lessons.

(3) The Brookline Driving School portion of the registration form must be signed by a parent. In addition to registration, it certifies that you know that all cancellations of road lessons must come in at least 24-hours before the lesson. If you plan to cancel a weekend or a Monday lesson, you need to call Brookline Driving School (617-232-9400) no later than 4:00pm on the Friday before the lesson. Also, be sure to notify your "buddy", so that person may find another partner should they wish to keep their appointment.

(4) At your request, Brookline Driving School can take your child for his or her final driver's license test, IF your child has had a learner's permit for at least six months. But the Driving School will charge extra for this service (about \$80). You may certainly take your child to the Registry on your own for the test...you do not have to use the driving school.

Please read all of the following information carefully. If you have questions, please call our office.

Yours,



Ed Hauben
Director, NCE

Driver's Education Program Details
Summer 2010
Newton Public Schools
Offered at 100 Walnut Street and South High School
Brookline Driving School & Newton Community Education

Brookline Driving School has contracted with the Newton Public Schools through the office of Newton Community Education to offer Driver's Education to students wishing to obtain their Certificate of Driver Education.

Driver's Education consists of 30 hrs of classroom instruction, 18 hrs of on-the-road instruction, and a two-hour driver safety course for a parent or guardian of the student driver, which is now required under the new state laws.

All classes will be offered to any student who has reached the minimum age of 15 years, nine months (15.9) by the beginning of the classroom lessons. A learner's permit may be obtained from the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, but is not required before beginning Driver's Education classes—it is, however, required before beginning on-the-road lessons. Driving lessons cannot take place without a learner's permit. To obtain a learner's permit, students must be at least 16 years old. Please contact the Registry for more information.

The Registry requires that all classroom and on-the-road instruction be completed within one year of the first class. If a student does not finish within 1 year, tuition will no longer cover any remaining driver education classes or on-the-road lessons not completed by the end of the 12-month period. Therefore, it is recommended that a student not begin Driver's Ed unless that student expects to finish within the time limit.

Required Class for Parent or Guardian of Driver Education Student

Parents are now required to attend a 2-hour class. This class is mandated by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and is designed to educate parents in teaching their child to drive. Please see attached schedule. If you cannot attend one of these scheduled classes, please indicate so on the registration form. You may complete the parent class at another time, but it will delay your child receiving their completion certificate.

Fees Include

Fees cover all 30 hours of classroom instruction, 18 hours of on-the-road instruction, and the 2-hour parent class. Fees also include the \$15.00 Driver Education Certificate of Completion, issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. **Sorry, no discounts, refunds, or scholarships.**

Fees Do Not Include

Fees do NOT include other Registry fees, including the final road test. If a student wishes to take a road test in one of Brookline Driving School's vehicles, he or she may arrange it at additional cost with the driving school. This is an OPTIONAL service and will cost more than the Registry would charge.

Cancellation/Withdrawal Policy

There are **no refunds** given for the Driver Education program. Additionally, a \$35.00 cancellation fee will be charged to any student who has not given a minimum of 24-hour notice when canceling an on-the-road instruction appointment. Students may arrange to have another qualified driving student take their place if they cannot make an appointment. Cancelled appointments without a 24-hour notice, or "no-shows" will be charged this penalty fee.

Why Get a Driver's Education Certificate?

Provided a student has held a learner's permit for at least 6 months, and has a clean driving record, a certification of completion of Driver's Education will enable that student to take a road test (and if passed, obtain a driver's license) before age 18. Also, the certificate will enable a student to obtain a reduction in car insurance for several years.

Advantages to Taking Driver's Education through the Newton Public Schools

Families are free to make other arrangements with any driving school they choose. The arrangements described in this document have been made for the convenience of high school students in Newton, in the interest of keeping costs down, and assuring that vehicles, regulations, and records are monitored by the school department through NCE.

**Driver's Education Program
Schedule of Classes & Fees
Summer 2010**

How to Register:

Complete the entire Registration Form and Contract on the back this form. Mark your calendar of dates and times. We do not send confirmations.

By Mail:

Make out **two** checks: One for Brookline Driving School; and one for Newton Community Education (see details below):

\$575.00 **Made payable to Brookline Driving School**

AND...

\$50.00 **Made payable to Newton Community Education**

**Mail with the accompanying registration form and signed contract to:
Newton Community Education, 140 Brandeis Road, Newton, MA 02459**

Walk In:

Newton Community Education is located on the second floor of Newton **SOUTH** High School. Our current office hours are 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Office hours may vary depending on evening class schedules, so please call first! Bring two checks as noted above; your signed contract form, and your registration.

At this time, unfortunately, we cannot take credit card registrations for Driver's Education. Call Newton Community Education 617-559-6999 if you have questions.

CLASSROOM SCHEDULE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: Summer 2010 Classes

All Classes Held at Newton South High School and 100 Walnut Street (Education Center)

<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Student Classes</u>				
KH031-01	Mon - Friday	June 28 - July 2	10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Newton South
KH031-02	Mon - Friday	July 26 - July 30	10:00 am - 4:30 pm	100 Walnut St
KH031-03	Mon - Friday	Aug 23 - Aug 27	10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Newton South
<u>Parent Classes</u>				
KH031-04	Tuesday	June 29	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Newton South
KH031-05	Wednesday	July 28	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Newton South
KH031-06	Thursday	August 26	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Newton South

ON-THE-ROAD INSTRUCTION

On-the-road lessons will be scheduled at the convenience of the student and Brookline Driving School. All lessons will begin and end at both high school locations. Students are NOT allowed to take lessons alone—students MUST be paired with a buddy.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! WE DO NOT SEND CONFIRMATIONS!

Driver Education - SUMMER 2010

Newton Community Education Registration Form

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ email: _____
Phone (Day): _____ Phone (Eve): _____ Phone (Cell): _____
Parent's Name _____
School: _____

Tuition: **\$50** (Payable to Newton Community Education), AND
 \$575 (Payable to Brookline Driving School)

(Please make out a separate check for each fee. No credit cards accepted.)

CLASS SELECTIONS (Check one "Student" class AND one "Parent" class.) All Classes Held at Newton South High School and 100 Walnut Street (Education Center)

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Print Name of Parent Attending Here

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Contract with Brookline Driving School • 167 Corey Road • Suite 201 • Brighton, MA 02135

Student Name: _____

Learner's Permit # (if you have one already): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

email: _____

Telephone: Home: () _____ Work: () _____

Cell: () _____

24-hour cancellation notice is required for driving lessons. A \$35 fee will be charged to reschedule the lesson. All credits will expire one year after the date of your first class. Two or more students must be in the car at all times--lessons will not take place with individual students. It is the student's responsibility to schedule with a buddy. Students having difficulty with this should see the instructor while the classes are still in session. No refunds.

I have read and agree to these terms: _____

Parent Signature (REQUIRED)

Please fill out the top and bottom of this registration form and contract, enclose TWO checks, and mail or bring to:
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