

Dear Parents of Freshman Students:

Many have been inquiring about the Drivers Education Program. Lincoln-Way District 210 offers an optional Drivers Education Program. Students completing Drivers Ed through Lincoln-Way High School will take the Freshman Rules of The Road Presentation March 12th-16th. Students will participate in the Presentation during their PE, Health, ROTC class. Once students have completed this first phase, they will receive a Permit Application. In order to be eligible for a Permit, they must be 15 years old and have passed the written exam. The Permit will cost \$20 which can be obtained at the Joliet or Lockport DMV. Your child must have his or her Permit for a minimum of 9 months before being eligible to be fully licensed. This phase allows your child to drive with a person of age 21 years or older. Students must log 50 hours of driving of which 10 of those hours must be at night.

During sophomore year, students will be placed into a quarter of Drivers Education Classroom, based on birthdate order from oldest to youngest. Students will be taken out of PE or ROTC class to complete this classroom phase. (We will notify students at the start of sophomore year which quarter they will receive classroom instruction.) After they have passed the classroom portion, they will then enter the Behind-the-Wheel Phase. This is the last phase before initial Licensing. They will have to complete 6 hours of Behind-the-Wheel training with a certified instructor. Once they have successfully completed this phase and have held their permit for 9 months, they will be eligible to obtain a License. The Behind-the-Wheel Phase consists of either 18 school days or six days after school.

Timeline

- **Freshman year:** Permit Application issued after successful completion of Rules of the Road. Permit obtained at DMV with parent/guardian once student is 15 years old.
- **Sophomore year:** One quarter of classroom and Behind-the-Wheel Phase. The classroom phase can be completed during PE or ROTC class. The Behind-the-Wheel phase can be completed during school or after school. These phases are done by birthdate order from oldest to youngest.

FAQ

1. My child is not ready or I do not want them to have a permit/license.

We encourage students to participate in Phase I & II and to hold off during the Behind The Wheel Phase if they are not ready. At that point we can ensure they have an opportunity to get classroom and have held a permit for 9 months.

2. Are there any fees?

There is no fee for the classroom portion. There is a \$250 fee for the Behind The Wheel Phase that will be assessed to their registration bill at the time they register sophomore year. This fee is subject to change depending on board approval.

3. What if I choose private instruction?

Students who have chosen private instruction will not be taken out of their PE/ROTC class. They will still attend the Rules of the Road Presentation during their freshman year. They will have to show proof of successful completion in order to waive out of the Driver Education graduation requirement. A valid license or transcript will satisfy proof.