

StreetSmarts



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Education**
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to StreetSmarts Driver Education program. To help you become more informed about the guidelines to our program and the state requirements that our curriculum follows, we ask that you read the following and talk with your student about what is expected of them during their time with us.

Once you and your student have reviewed the guidelines, please initial on the lines provided, and then sign and date the bottom of the sheet.

Our program follows the state guidelines as to classroom and behind the wheel content, both of which your student must successfully pass before becoming eligible for a license. The classroom portion is 30 hours of instructions covering ten chapters of curriculum that include a wide range of topics. Classroom sessions vary by location, but are, in most cases, 3 hours in length. There are three unit tests throughout the session and one final cumulative test given on the last night. There are also multiple assignments, activities, and guest speakers that enhance the curriculum. Students are required to earn an average of no less than 75% in order to pass the classroom portion of the program. To ensure that your teen has the best possible instruction, the following classroom rules will be followed:

Parent Student

_____ _____ Students will be on time for all classroom and driving times bringing all necessary materials with them (i.e. pencil, paper, learner's permit)

_____ _____ **No cell phones or electronic devices will be allowed to be used during class time.**

Students will be allowed to use them during breaks.

_____ _____ Students shall be respectful to others in the class, all guest speakers, and the instructor by behaving properly while in the classroom.

_____ _____ Students are required to follow all state and local laws as they pertain to driving regulations as well as the use of any prohibited substances.

_____ _____ All school district codes of conduct will be adhered to according to the district policies and procedures.

_____ _____ All students must be picked up from the classroom and driving portion on time.

If the student is not picked up within 10 minutes of the classroom or driving being completed there will be a \$25 fee assessed.

_____ All classes are mandatory by the state of Iowa regulations. Any more than two absences the student will be dropped from the driver education program with no refund. Any misses will need to be made up in the following session at the location you are taking the course.

If your student fails to follow these rules, the parent will be contacted, and if necessary, StreetSmarts reserves the right to remove the student from the program without a refund.

The driving portion of our program has your son/daughter behind the wheel for 6 hours with a trained Behind the Wheel instructor who will explore a wide range of traffic situations with your student. Once your student is assigned a drive time, it is important that they keep their scheduled time as it is sometimes difficult to reschedule due to instructor and car availability. StreetSmarts does understand that sometimes occasions arise that prohibits someone from making a scheduled drive time, however, the student must call the instructor as soon as they are aware of the conflict. If you do not call with a 2 hour advance notice, do not show up to a drive time that is scheduled, or fail to bring your permit, you will be assessed a \$40.00 per occurrence fee. The missed drive time will be made up at the instructor's convenience.

The Department of Transportation required all driver education companies to go to an electronic certification as of 1.1.19. Only Street Smarts and the D.O.T. can see this information. Once your child has completed driver education; the teacher will submit his/her completion with the D.O.T. within 15 business days after completion. The only way we will submit your child's information is if they completed these steps:

1. Your child has completed 30 hours of classroom time.
2. Your child has completed 6 drive lessons (6 hours of driving, 6 hours of observation)
3. Your student's account with Street Smarts has been paid in full and final payment has cleared our account (10 business days after office has received payment).

State of Iowa's requirements to obtain an intermediate license or minor school license:

1. Intermediate license: 16 years old and hold learner's permit for a minimum of 1 year.
2. Minor School license: Hold learner's permit for 6 months.

The Iowa Department of Transportation also requires that each student must drive with a parent/guardian for 20 clock hours (2 of those hours must be night driving). This requirement asks for you to practice those basic fundamentals that are being taught in the driving instruction. Your willingness to assist in this instruction will improve your student's potential success rate.

Congratulations on your student working towards an intermediate license and we thank you for selecting StreetSmarts to ensure that your son/daughter will become a safe and confident driver. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the main office, the classroom teacher, or your student's Behind the Wheel instructor.

My student and I understand these rules and guidelines in order to participate in the program provided by StreetSmarts Drivers Education.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date