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Driver Education Basic Information

- Note:** 100% attendance is mandatory for the classroom course. If you are not able to attend all the class dates as listed, do not apply for this course. Students who enroll but miss a class may be dropped and have to reapply for the waitlist. Extenuating circumstances may allow a student to continue the course and complete the missing class date in the next session.
- Selection:** To be considered for a driver education session at Kalani High, you need to have a learner's permit, be under 19, fill out an application (available at the school office or school website at kalanihighschool.org) and be able to meet the classroom schedule for the session you wish to be considered for, and other course requirements below. The classroom will be in-person and will be limited to 30 students, subject to any current health/safety restrictions. Classes are filled on a "first come, first served" rolling basis per session and as noted above applicants need to commit to all the class requirements. Your application must include a clear copy of your learner's permit.
- Tuition:** \$10 nonrefundable tuition, payable during the payment and textbook/workbook pick-up day before the start of each driver ed session, usually in front of the gym. Checks may be made out to "Kalani High School."
- Class Schedule:** The Department of Education requires DE students to undergo a total of 40 classroom hours (the Parent Meeting is considered classroom hours), plus six to seven hours of behind the wheel lessons, plus 50 hours of practice driving, to be eligible for the driver ed certificates. Driver ed sessions during the school year (fall and spring) are held on a Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday basis after the parent meeting, with the final exam a few days after the last class. Fall classes are usually held in September and October. Spring classes are usually held in January and February. The summer driver ed

session is held on a Monday through Friday basis after the parent meeting, with the final exam a few days after the last class. Attendance at all driver ed classes and the parent meeting is mandatory, so if you think you cannot attend even one class, then do not apply. If the student misses a class for a legitimate reason (e.g., illness) then the student has to make up the entire missed class and the chapter test in the next session (spring session for a missed class in the fall, summer session for a missed class in the spring, spring session for a missed class in the fall.) A student is allowed only two missed classes (and both missed classes need to be made up in the following session; also since a requirement for taking the final exam is passing all the chapter tests, the student who misses a class will also have missed a chapter test and will have to take the final exam in the next session.) Furthermore, classroom time is for the teaching of the curriculum, including related activities, videos, quizzes and tests. Students need to pass all 19 chapter tests and final exam by 80 percent or better, and are allowed up to two retakes per required test and the final. The chapter tests will be online in the classroom using an internet device, but the final exam will be paper & pen/pencil. Retakes and any necessary reteaching may require reasonable time beyond the classroom hours. Students are expected to keep up with the classroom material and lessons. Retakes should be done as soon as possible after the non-passage of any chapter test. If a student fails to achieve a passing score after two retakes of any required test, he or she will be considered as not passing the classroom session and will be dropped from the class. *Classroom hours may be modified with consensus of the class.

Textbook: Students will be issued a textbook, *How to Drive*, AAA 15th ed., and a workbook to go with the classroom lessons. The syllabus will inform students of what chapters need to be read per class. There is no charge for the textbook, but the textbook must be returned after the last classroom session. If the textbook is not returned, a lost/missing book notice will be issued to the student for the cost of the textbook, which is \$45. softcover. This would become an obligation that will remain with the student until it is cleared, including up to graduation from a Department of Education high school. Also, the instructor will not issue the classroom and BTW certificates to any student who does not return a textbook that was assigned to him/her, or pay for a lost/missing book. The workbook may be kept by the student after the classroom ends.

Location: Room A12

Driving Lessons: Behind-the-wheel (BTW) lessons for most students will be scheduled after the successful completion of the classroom lessons and will be based on convenient times for both the instructor and the students. Six to seven hours of BTW lessons are conducted during daylight hours only, with two students in the car. If one student fails to show up, then the other student will not be able to drive, so please make sure you can attend all scheduled driving lessons, or inform the instructor as early as possible if you are unable to attend a scheduled lesson. Permits and covered shoes (sneakers) are required; a lesson will be cancelled if a student does not have his or her permit or shoes. Driving with bare feet, slippers or Crocs will not be

permitted. The student who is not driving will be recording observations from the backseat. The observations will be taken home for parents to review and sign. The observer may be assigned other backseat activities as well. Driving lessons will be spaced three or more days apart to allow time for the student to practice drive with their parents and build on skills learned from the lesson. Students who have already been driving with a parent and with a permit for a minimum of around 10 hours may be allowed to start driving lessons during the classroom lessons after certain units are covered, with the approval of the classroom instructor and availability of the driving instructor. Students who start BTW during the classroom still need to complete all classroom requirements.

Certificates: Successful completion of the classroom and the BTW lessons, along with notarization of the affidavit of practice driving affirming a minimum 50 practice hours (at least 10 of which must be at night), will entitle the student to receive both the classroom (yellow) and the BTW (blue) certificates. The student must pass the BTW lessons plus notarize the practice hours in order to receive the BTW certificate, which must be obtained before the classroom certificate will be issued. The certificates are needed for students under 18 to take the (provisional) driver license road test from the City & County.

Contact: Raymond Yuen, ph. 808-721-2057 (text OK; leave message if I don't answer) or email at raymond.yuen@k12.hi.us

FAQs

Q. My son/daughter will be on a trip on _____ and returning on _____. She might miss one class or lesson. Does he/she have to reschedule?

A. For the classroom, maybe he or she should think about the next session? For btw lessons, the instructor needs to be notified in advance in order to reschedule.

Q. Please let me know the schedule. Q. Please let me know the times. Q. How much is the course and who do I make a check to?

A. Please look at information that will be sent to all applicants when a class becomes available. For regular classes: The dates and times, and payment information, are in the information sheet. Checks may be made out to "Kalani High School." In general, Kalani has three classes per year: summer, fall and spring. The summer class is like summer school, M-F in the afternoons (after regular summer school) usually in the month of June. The fall and spring classes are usually on a Tu-Th-Sat basis, in the late afternoon on Tu-Th, and in the afternoon on Sat. The fall class is usually Sept-Oct, while the spring class is usually Jan-Feb. Exact dates will be in the information.

Q. If a student starts the class, and decides to drop out afterwards, then I think it's fair for that student to go to the bottom of the list, because they essentially wasted a spot, preventing another student from taking the class.

A. That is the purpose of sending the information in advance. Fortunately, only a handful have withdrawn after being allowed into the class. Your suggestion about the voluntary dropouts will be considered.

Q. If a student fails the classroom can he or she re-take the course?

Q. If a student fails the behind the wheel lessons does he or she have to retake the course from the beginning?

A. Those who fail the classroom are not allowed to take the behind the wheel lessons, and have preference to sign up for the next class. Those who fail the behind the wheel lessons are allowed to re-take the btw-only lessons in the next session.

Q. Can a student make up some of the classes if they couldn't attend?

A. Each class date is on the information sheet and syllabus. Students should not take the course knowing they cannot attend a class. Please see also the next question.

Q. What if on one of the class days there was a sudden emergency and you couldn't make it? How would you make up or would you just ask some classmate about the notes?

A. For valid absences, you would have to retake the missed class at the next session (spring for the fall class, summer for the spring class, etc). See also next question. Also, if you missed a class you would also miss the chapter test for that class, and since passing all the chapter tests is a requirement to take the final exam, that would mean you would have to make up the class and pass the chapter test and also have to take the final exam with the next session in order to pass the classroom and be eligible for your certificates.

Q. So whatever class someone missed, they just have to take that same class in the following session?

A. Yes. But a student cannot miss more than two classes with a valid excuse (and both would be made up in the next session).

Q. I have a road test scheduled for _____. Will I be able to complete my driver ed requirements and get my certificates in time for my test?

A. By law, the driver ed program (public or private) cannot be completed in fewer than six weeks, whether it's the classroom by itself or classroom and behind-the-wheel combined. You may consider the six weeks to begin on parent night and count six weeks from there. Please note also that for the behind the wheel lessons, we typically schedule the lessons at least 3-4 days (usually more) apart to allow the student to practice drive with parents, but from a practical point of view, certain driving lessons are better done on weekends than on weekdays with after-school rush hour traffic, especially where Kalani is located. Please note also that rescheduling a road test online is relatively simple (though of course availability of convenient dates and times may be an issue). Also remember that students need to complete their 50 hours of practice driving and have the acknowledgment of practice driving form notarized in order to receive the btw certificate. The btw certificate must be obtained first before the classroom certificate is issued. So, in other words, you have to figure out when you will complete all the requirements to be eligible for your road test and then schedule your road test accordingly.

Q. I took the driver education classroom course with a private instructor who did not offer behind the wheel lessons. May I sign up only for the behind the wheel lessons?

A. The DOE Driver Ed Program is composed of classroom and behind the wheel lessons. They are considered integral and part of the same course. Students may not take only the classroom or only the btw lessons from the DOE.

Q. I will be 18 soon. Do I still need the certificates to take the road test?

A. DOE driver ed accepts students who are under 19 at the time of the first class. If you turn 19 during the course, you may still complete the course. Once you turn 18 you do not need the driver education certificates to take the driver license road exam. The question you should consider is whether you feel your current level of driving skill and knowledge is sufficient, and/or whether you feel you need to take driver education to become a better, safer driver. High school seniors who may be going away to the mainland for college and may not complete the course (e.g., the summer class) could also still take driver ed for as many classes or behind the wheel lessons (after or while completing the classroom portion) as they can before they leave. The final "grade" for the course in this instance would be "incomplete," and of course the student would not receive any certificates. Several 18-year-olds in previous classes have completed both the classroom and btw lessons, and their practice hours, in order to obtain the certificates even though they did not need them to take the license road test.

Q. Does the student need to attend Parent Night (Parent Meeting)?

A. Yes!! It counts toward classroom hours.

Q. What is the deadline for submitting an application?

A. There are no deadlines for applications. We fill each class on a rolling basis. Students and parents need to reserve a spot on the waitlist of the school of their choice through the DOE's driver education website at: <https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/hidoe-driver-ed/>. Remember, you still need to meet the requirements of the class. You will receive information about the requirements as each class approaches and you have to be able to commit to the requirements if selected for the class. On the other hand, we have had students who told us they could commit to the course, but then they drop out after one or a few class sessions, or even before the session starts.

Q. Where do I turn in my application?

A. You can reserve a spot on a school's waitlist through the DOE driver ed webpage. Then you fill out an application for the school when you are selected for a class. There may be other forms to fill out as well for those selected for a class.

Q. Can a non-Kalani student take driver ed at Kalani?

A. DOE driver ed is open to any student under 19 who has a learner's permit.

Q. What if I have more questions?

A. You can send them to me at: raymond.yuen@k12.hi.us

Q. Can you recommend a private driver ed instructor?

A. For current private driver ed schools, use the internet link below:
<https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/safe-communities/driver-education/>

For the DOE driver ed webpage:

<https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/hidoe-driver-ed/>

For information about permits, permit renewals, and road test appointments, please use the following link: <https://www.honolulu.gov/csd>