**Drivers Education Program**

**Smiths Station High School**

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**Student Policies and Procedures**

Class Expectations:

1. **BE ON TIME:** Restroom should be used BEFORE class as to not disrupt class/drive time. Students should report to their teacher and get permission prior to going to the restroom in an emergency/tardy situation.
2. **BE SEATED:** Attendance will be taken immediately following the tardy bell. Face forward while sitting in your desk.
3. **BE RESPONSIBLE:** You and you alone are responsible for your actions both in the classroom and vehicle. You make your own decisions and thus are accountable for them. Driving is a huge responsibility and shouldn’t be taken lightly.
4. **BE RESPECTFUL:** You are expected to conduct yourself as a mature young adult at all times both in the classroom and vehicle. ASK BEFORE YOU ACT.

Driving Expectations:

1. Follow all of the instructor’s directions.
2. If you are unsure about a directive, ask the instructor to repeat or explain the directions.
3. Passengers in the car are to remain quiet at all times and focus on the directions/ instructions. You will be required to complete the same objectives when you drive.

Class Requirements:

 Students are required to:

1. Have an individual 3-pronged folder with pockets for a driver education notebook.
2. Make-up any missed test the next day as to not hold up certificate placement and drive time. Excused absences will receive a grade immediately, unexcused absences will require an excuse for a grade BUT the test still must be made up to stay on schedule.
3. Pass BOTH classwork (with a 70 average) AND the preliminary driving skills test, in order to take the ROAD TEST for your license.

Grading:

 1st 9 weeks: Tests (4): 100 points each 400 points

* Boating, Drive Manual, Defensive Driving, Alcohol

 2nd 9 weeks: Driving/Project/Notebook grade: (only 1 required) 100 points

 TOTAL 500 points

Driving Certificate Requirements:

* In order to get **behind the wheel instruction** a student **must** meet the following requirements:
	1. Have all school and state paperwork completed and on file at SSHS
	2. Have a 70 grade average in driver education
	3. Have a valid learner’s license from any state
* In order to take the **ROAD TEST for the DPS license**, a student **must** meet the following requirements:
	1. Have all school and state paperwork completed and on file at SSHS
	2. Have a 70 grade average in driver education
	3. Have a valid Alabama Learner’s License
	4. ***Pass the preliminary driving skills test in class***
* **Grades in class are SEPARATE from passing the ROAD TEST; you may make an “A” in class but NOT pass the driver test for your license.**
* This is a privilege provided by the Alabama Department of Public Safety and Department of Education.

**\*\*\*\*The instructor is NOT required to administer the ROAD TEST.**

* The student MUST have his/her Alabama Learner’s License for at least 6 months and be at least 16 years of age before he/she can get their license.
* When the student successfully completes the **ROAD TEST**, he/she will receive a STATE parent permission form that MUST be signed and returned to the instructor. Then the student has the option to do 1 of the following **WHEN they turn 16 and have their permits 6+ months:**
	1. Go online to obtain their driver’s license when they are 16 & have had their permit for 6+ months
		+ <https://www.alabamainteractive.org/dl_renewal/welcome.action>
		+ Click duplicate, fill in all required info and follow all directions
		+ You will be able to PRINT your paper copy GDL and drive legally
	2. Take a DPS certificate to the driver license office to obtain their driver’s license when they are 16 & have had their permit for 6+ months .
		+ Only ONE (1) certificate can be issued from the instructor because they are pulled from the State Department of Education in Montgomery.