

Shelby County Driver Education

Frequently Asked Questions For Fall & Spring Classes

1. What are the requirements for class for students?

Each student must hold a current permit and submit the appropriate forms to Shelby County Community Education prior to the class. Students must pay a \$360 class fee prior to class.

2. What does the class fee cover?

Fee is used for gasoline, insurance and upkeep of the class vehicle.

3. What is the structure for the class?

We use Google Classroom as our virtual platform. Each student will receive a Shelby County email address to join, if you are not a Shelby County student. All assignments will be released at the beginning of class and each student works at their own pace. The academic platform must be completed in a two week time frame. The driving phase will begin on day two and continue until completed.

4. Why is the Alabama Boating Course taught in Driver Education?

It is mandated by the Alabama State Department of Education as part of the Driver Education program. If a student reaches a passing grade of 80, they will receive a certificate of completion and a V endorsement on their driver's license.

5. Is a vehicle provided for the class or do I use my personal vehicle?

Shelby County Board of Education provides the vehicle for the class. Each vehicle has a brake on the front passenger side for the instructor.

6. Do I receive an insurance discount for completing the class?

Each student will receive a certificate of completion at the end of class, which should be submitted to your insurance company. It is up to your insurance company to accept or deny the discount.

7. How do the instructors communicate with students?

The instructors communicate through the remind app and Google Classroom. Communication will include driving times and cancellations, if needed. Parents are encouraged to join the class through the remind app, as well.

8. What is covered in the driving portion of the class?

Each student will have up to 6 hours of in car instruction. This time includes behind the wheel instruction and observation of other drivers from the passenger seats. Students will drive in urban, rural, highway and interstate settings during a two hour block. Day 1 will include driving test preparation and observations by the

instructor. Day 2 will include the road test for students who meet the criteria and additional practice for other students, replicated from Day 1. Day 3 will be testing only; up to one hour in duration.

9. When will I drive?

Instructors will do their best to group students by school, car pools and any work, extra-curricular activities and vacation conflicts. If a student has not passed the road test during the two week time frame, instructors will do their best to accommodate driving with other groups at a later date. Parents must have the student at the Helena High School field house 15 minutes prior to drive time and arrive 15 minutes before pickup time to insure supervision.

10. Do we drive in inclement weather?

No, certified driving instructors in the state of Alabama, are not permitted to drive students in inclement weather. Instructors will communicate, if possible, via remind of any cancellations as early as possible. Be aware, if a driving session has started and inclement weather arises, parents may be required to return to the Shelby County Community Education Center for early pick up.

11. What happens if I miss my driving time?

Missed driving time will possibly result in the student being pushed back a week or two for completion of the driving portion of the course.

12. Am I guaranteed to receive my license as a result of this course?

No, however, each student will have every opportunity to reach their goal of gaining their license.

13. What happens if my student passes the driving portion of the class?

Each student will take the Alabama Road Test, administered by their instructor. If the student meets all requirements for a passing grade; the instructor, student and parents will discuss how to obtain the license. All licenses through Shelby County Communication Education will be obtained online through ALEA. Detailed instructions will be given to the student upon passing the test.