

2026 Midland CSD Driver Education Class Syllabus

Instructor: Mr. Eberhard

Mandatory Everyday Items...

- Textbook, Paper, Pen or Pencil (blue or black ink is acceptable)
- Permit (You will not be able to drive without it) must be with you at all times...
- Iowa Drivers Manual
 - o You may go to the Iowa DOT office and pick up a copy; or the following is an electronic reference: <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/driverslicense/dlmanual>
- A positive attitude

How to Pass...

- Class is divided into two grades; one based on in-class work and the other based on behind the wheel driving. Any total classroom grade under 75% is considered to be failing and will result in a repeat of the classroom portion, with a repeat payment. You will be provided 30 hours of classroom instruction (per Iowa state minimum requirements).
- Behind the wheel instruction is where the student (in groups of 2) will attend a minimum of 6 hours of driving in two hour shifts (divided into 6 sessions). Driving sessions will allow students to practice and experience any number of weather and driving situations. Successfully completing and fulfilling the above requirements will then allow the student to be electronically logged as "completed" within the DOT website. On your final drive test, you must score a 75% or higher in order to pass this portion of Drivers Education.
- In addition to the classroom time and behind the wheel instruction, students are required to have 20 hours of logged driving time with their parents before going to the DOT to secure their next licensure; 2 of which should be documented at night.

THE AMOUNT OF DRIVING WE DO IN THE DRIVER EDUCATION CLASS IS NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU TO BECOME A COMPETENT DRIVER. YOU MUST GET OUT AND DRIVE WITH A PARENT / GUARDIAN

Grading Scale

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| 100 – 93 | A |
| 92 – 90 | A- |
| 89 – 87 | B+ |
| 86 – 83 | B |
| 82 – 80 | B- |
| 79 – 77 | C+ |
| 76 – 75 | C |
| 74 – 0 | F |

Discussion Points

- Attendance is mandatory (per state requirements). **Two** absences or more than **2** tardies will result in the participant being dropped from the class and repeating the classroom portion. In addition, your attention to responsible behavior must be at a high level. Having a license is not a right; it's a privilege. To earn this privilege, come to class on time, pay attention, ask questions as needed, eat something before coming to class, and leave your electronic devices where they will not interfere with class or drive time. I can work with you during extenuating circumstances, but only if I know about it ahead of time. Be responsible and communicate your issues ahead of schedule. Make up times and assignments will be handled on an individual basis.
- Behind the wheel instruction will be with a partner and you will be rotated in two hour shifts. Midland CSD policy doesn't allow me to drive with a single driver, so find a partner in the classroom that you can work with and have corresponding schedules. A missed driving session results in a \$40 fee. Be responsible and show up as required. Failure to do so may result in a failing grade. Know when your driving time is and show up as required.
- This is no different than any other classroom situation. Do not sleep, act inappropriately, or have anything out that is going to bring unwanted and unneeded attention to yourself. Cheating is an automatic zero for that assignment; no exceptions or discussions about it.
- You may contact me at beberhard@midland.k12.ia.us if you have any questions or comments.
- We will have an informational meeting in May, and at that point we will collect copies of your driving permit, figure out driving partners, and 'somewhat' schedule driving times. I will be driving in three shifts immediately after the classroom portion for each of the twelve days. Those time slots will be picked when we meet in May.
- REMINDER: Class is extremely fast moving and get all the driving practice you can before we meet.

Items to consider...

At this point, class is limited to 12 people with Mr. Eberhard. Mr. Eberhard's drive times will be scheduled on the days of class and will go in the following time frame:

9:30 - 11:30

11:30 - 1:30

1:30 - 3:30

Students are required by the state to drive six hours and observe six hours. If you plan on taking Drivers Ed with Mr. Eberhard, please be available in those time frames.

- If another teacher joins Mr. Eberhard in conducting behind the wheel drives with students, they will have their own driving schedule. Those times will come later.
- Practice, Practice, Practice....no improvements happen unless you decide to improve...

May

2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Class Session #1 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 28 Class Session #2 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 29 Class Session #3 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 30 |
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June

2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 Class Session #4 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 3 Class Session #5 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 4 Class Session #6 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Class Session #7 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 10 Class Session #8 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 11 Class Session #9 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 Class Session #10 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 17 Class Session #11 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 18 Class Session #12 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 19 Makeup Date 7 AM – 9:30 AM | 20 |
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