



Driver Education Course Parent Information

INTRODUCTION

With the introduction of the new Driver’s Licensing Laws in the State of Hawai’i, students who are 15.5 to 18 years old now must meet much more stringent requirements to obtain a driver’s license. One of the major requirements is completing a State Certified Driver’s Education Course and Road Time with a Certified Driving Instructor and parents before getting a license.

REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of five students must be enrolled to run the course.
- Mandatory Parent & Student Orientation attendance.
- 30 hours class time.
- 6 hours “behind the wheel” drive time, per student.
- 50 hours driving with parents (includes 10 hours of night driving). Upon completion of the 50 hours, the student is required to submit a notarized statement.
- The student must be at least 15.5 years old before taking the course.
- Parent Permission form must be signed before student starts classes.
- **Student must have a driver’s permit.**

CLASS TIME

Parent/Student Orientation (**mandatory**).....**Monday, February 20, 2012**
6 – 6:45 p.m., Castle Lecture Hall

(A student who fails to attend the orientation with his/her parent(s)/legal guardian will not be allowed to take the course. The Dean of Student Life or a Boarding Representative will attend the orientation with boarders.)

Class time.....**February 21, 2012 – March 13, 2012**
Mondays to Fridays (3 – 5 p.m.)
(There will be no class on Wednesday, March 7)

Behind the wheel time.....**Arrange days/times with instructor**

Course tuition.....**\$450**

These sessions will include the required 30-hour class time and 6 hours behind the wheel drive time with a certified instructor.

INSTRUCTOR

The instructor of this program is Mr. Takeshi Hiruma who has had special training for this important work and is certified by the State Department of Transportation. He will provide instruction in the correct driving methods and make sure that each student demonstrates good driving skills. The in-car instruction is given in a special vehicle, which has a brake pedal on the right side for the instructor's use and is equipped with restraint systems, extra rear-view mirrors, and other special safety devices. Adequate insurance coverage is carried for this vehicle and all those who use or ride in it.

It is essential for a student driver to get at as much practice time behind the wheel as possible. Some of this time will be provided by the instructor, however, as a parent you will be required to accompany and supervise your child for at least 50 hours. A *Hawai'i New Driver Skills Log* has been prepared to assist you in documenting your child's at-home driving practice sessions. We recommend two or three 20-30 minute practice sessions per week after your child has completed Lesson Two with the instructor (provided that your teenager has obtained his or her driver's permit). However, perhaps more important is the example you set for your child as a licensed driver. You can help your child benefit the most from this program by driving the way you want your child to drive.

The attached Permission form must be completed and signed before your child can be selected for the course.

We hope that our driver education course, along with your guidance and encouragement, will help produce a young person capable of driving in a safe, responsible, and courteous manner.



Driver Education Permission Form

I hereby give my permission for my child, _____
Print Name

to attend and participate in the Driver Education Program at Hawai'i Preparatory Academy.

I have read and understand all the requirements set forth by the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation and the Hawai'i County Licensing Division laws governing student driver education.

I commit to doing my parental portion of paying in full, the agreed, non-refundable fee of \$450 for my child to attend the Student Driver Education Program, and to participate in the required parent orientation and the 50 hours of supervised driving for my child. I will also obtain a notarized statement acknowledging that my child has completed said 50 hour parent/guardian supervised driving time, as required by Hawai'i's new driver's licensing law.

I understand that before my child can obtain a Hawai'i Driver's License the following requirements must be completed:

- 30 hours of classroom instruction with HPA's certified instructor
- 6 hours of behind the wheel instruction with HPA's certified instructor
- 50 hours of driving practice with parent/guardian
- Submission of a notarized statement confirming completion of the 50 hour supervised driving

I further understand that there will be permit and licensing fees from the County of Hawai'i Licensing Division, for which I am responsible.

Agreed:

Signature of Parent

Date

Print Name

Phone Number

OFFICE USE

Date Rec'd

_____ Parent Permission Form

_____ Copy of Driver's Permit

_____ Method of Payment: [] Check # _____ [] Cash/Receipt # _____