Olive Branch High School

Drivers Education

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This course is designed to provide high school students with the skills and knowledge necessary to become safe and responsible drivers. In order to accomplish this goal, you will be required to complete reading assignments, outside projects (drive), and regular examinations. You will be required to process large amounts of information, so that you will be able to gain the knowledge necessary to become an effective, safe and responsible vehicle operator.

**Suggested Materials:**

1. At least one ½ inch 3-ring binder (can be bigger)
2. Blue or black ink pens; PENCILS ON TEST DAYS!
3. Standard white loose-leaf notebook paper.
4. A GREAT ATTITUDE!

**Classroom and Vehicle Guidelines:**

1. Quizzes will be given randomly on the assigned reading. You will be responsible for all reading assigned.
2. Please make yourself familiar with the student handbook regarding absences and the make-up policy. It will make your life and my life much easier if you just come to school.
3. Forgotten or incomplete homework will result in a ZERO unless it can be turned in the next day for a late grade. When the teacher assigns homework, it is *EXTREMELY* important that you complete it and turn it in. I will not always check it for a grade, but you need to be in habit of doing it every night for your benefit.
4. Everyday before entering class, students should already have all necessary supplies, materials, homework, etc. If you don’t have something, borrow it from someone else. If you have to borrow something from me, I will take YOUR PHONE (yes, that device that is your whole life) as collateral until you return the item at the end of class.
5. Once you enter class, do so quietly and immediately begin your bell work in your assigned seat unless otherwise instructed. You will have a bell work assignment everyday.
6. Do not even think about cheating! Any activity the teacher considers cheating will result in a zero for that assignment. This includes—but is not limited to—copying in any form, plagiarism, cheat sheets, or talking during a test or exam. I will encourage you to work together at times, but this does not mean any two or more of you may turn in the exact same work. Each student will complete his/her own work.
7. In-class EFFORT AND PARTICIPATION will be incorporated into your grade. Respect, responsibility, honesty, trustworthiness, and obedience will help your grade. Being lazy or disrespectful to others or me is not an option; you will work and behave like a young adult.
8. Unless instructed otherwise, you must raise your hand to request permission to speak. To end discussion sessions, I will simply raise my hand. Students should immediately stop talking and focus their attention on me when I do so.
9. Never leave your seat without permission. You must raise your hand to request permission to sharpen your pencil, throw something away, borrow materials, etc.
10. When the bell rings at the end of class, stay in your seat. You are not dismissed until I dismiss you.
11. Do not touch someone else’s belongings—including mine—without permission or write on objects that aren’t yours (desks, desk numbers, dry erase boards, etc.). Furthermore, keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself at all times. NEVER throw anything in the room unless I allow you to do so.
12. Electronic devices, brushes, combs, make-up or other personal hygiene products are to remain out of sight and not be used in class or car. Purses must be stored underneath your desk or the trunk while driving.
13. Food and drinks are not allowed in the classroom or car unless I give you permission. Only bottled water is acceptable.
14. Sleeping in my classroom is not allowed (this includes laying your head down on your desk). If a student is caught sleeping, they will be given a **0** for that day’s participation grade especially if in the drivers seat!
15. There is to be no talking during announcements over the intercom or MTV. All students should be quiet and listening.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT GUIDELINE OF ALL:**  Do what you are told to do the *FIRST* time!I expect you to act like young adults. **Be where you’re supposed to be, doing what you’re supposed to be doing, when you’re supposed to be doing it!**

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OTHER POLICIES:

1. **ABSENCES:** It is your responsibility to come to me for any work missed while you were absent. In the case of a missed test or project assignment, however, you will need to see me before school or during break to make it up (if you are eligible to do so according to the absence policy).
2. **HALL PASSES:** Students will be allowed to use the restroom three times per nine weeks during my class, but never during the first or last 10 minutes.
3. **EXEMPTIONS:** At the end of the semester, I may allow you to be excused from taking the final exam if you have an overall average of 85 or above and have no more than one absence
4. **CONSEQUENCES:** Students who fail to comply with classroom guidelines such as those concerning talking; sleeping, respecting others and their property, throwing objects, or following my instructions will be given a single warning. If the action continues, students will be issued a writing assignment. If a student makes the classroom environment one in which I am having trouble teaching, he/she will be written up and sent to the office.

***GRADING:***

-Test 30%

-Exams 20%

-Quizzes 20%

-Homework 15%

-Classwork 15%

***DISCLAIMER:***

I reserve the right to adjust the terms of this syllabus as needed. We will be moving at a breakneck speed this year, and I need your complete cooperation. Please do not hesitate to ask for help. It is your responsibility to seek out assistance if you run into roadblocks or would like additional feedback from me.

I have read and understand the terms of this syllabus.

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Parent printed name and signature: ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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