

Dear Parents,

Your son/daughter has successfully completed the Driver Education course at Essex High School. Now is the time for them to prepare for their driver's license.

We hope that you had a good time helping your son/daughter complete the final take-home project of "Buying, Insuring and Registering a Vehicle." This was a valuable lesson and a lifetime skill that we all can use.

In the past semester, your son/daughter has learned about motor vehicle laws; natural laws; precision driving (Zone Control and Reference Points); alcohol and other drugs; driving in emergencies and adverse conditions; the use of seat belts and other occupant restraints; insurance and preventive maintenance on a vehicle.

A mature attitude and good driving skills are important for a safe driver. Your son/daughter may now be ready to obtain their Junior Operator's License. However, we support additional parental involvement, instruction and supervision.

The following recommendations are provided for your consideration:

1. Each student needs to pick up their own COMPLETION CARD (2 1/2" X 3 3/4") from the Driver Education Office prior to their road test.
2. In addition to the 6 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction, in Driver Education, we recommend an additional 16-20 hrs. of supervised driving with you, the parent. Hopefully, these additional hours were provided on a weekly basis during the semester.
3. Discourage car ownership during this learning period. We support setting up rules regarding the use of the family vehicle(s) and monitoring that use.
4. Encourage budgeting for gas, routine maintenance, and additional insurance. Sharing the financial responsibility of the family vehicle(s), can be useful in developing a mature, responsible attitude.
5. Enclosed is a CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (8 1/2" X 11") for insurance purposes.

It has been a pleasure to have your son/daughter as a Driver Education student. We wish them a lifetime of collision free driving. Please contact us if we can be of any assistance. (879-5532)

Sincerely Yours,  
Driver Education Dept.