

2022 – 2023 DRIVER EDUCATION INFORMATION SHEET

Please save for your records

1. **Program and Instructor:**

- The Driver's Education program is run by a private company called "STREETSMARTS".
- Students must have their learners permit one month prior to taking a class.
 - High School students will be given first priority in the available sessions.
- Each student must successfully complete the following to pass the course:
 - 30 hours of classroom instruction and successfully complete ALL classroom assignments.
 - Since Covid, classroom instruction has been moved to online format.
 - 6 behind the wheel lessons and pass the Final Driving Test.
- Jim Pankow is the instructor and can be reached by email or phone. jim.pankow@decorah.k12.ia.us or 563-382-3643, ext. 1208.

2. **Cost:**

- The full fee was \$365 for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - If a student qualifies for reduced lunch, the Driver's Ed fee is reduced to \$57.25.
 - If a student qualifies for free lunch, the Driver's Ed fee is free.
 - Decorah Schools will not supplement the program more than one time per student.
 - Checks can be made payable to Decorah Community Schools.
 - Fee is due by the first day of class or the student cannot attend.

3. **Classroom phase:**

- Since Covid, classroom instruction has been moved to online format.
- Street Smarts will send online class information to the student by email.
- The student will then create an account and begin the online portion of the class.
- The student has 45 days to complete the class from the time the account is created.

4. **Driving phase:**

- 6 drive times are scheduled outside of class time through a shared Google Doc with the students.
 - These will be after school and on weekends.
- Missed driving lessons will be made up when time can be found in the driving schedule.
 - There is a \$30 charge per lesson missed. The ONLY exception to the \$30.00 charge will be emergency situations.
 - You must notify Mr. Pankow as soon as possible if you are going to miss a lesson.
- Student must have their learner's permit with them each time they drive or they will not be allowed to drive.

5. **Moving Violations:**

- The student will be dropped from the program if they receive any type of moving violation during the session they are taking driver education.

6. **Certificates of Completion** will be on file electronically at the Winneshiek County Treasurer's Office once the student has COMPLETED all of the obligations above.

