



DRIVER EDUCATION

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Beginner Driver Education is being offered at Bluewater District School Board secondary schools to students 16 years of age or older. Students must have a G1 licence or be eligible to obtain one prior to completion of the classroom sessions to participate. The course fee is \$650.00 (payable to Bluewater District School Board) and is **due at least 2 weeks prior to the course start date.**

Course content consists of 40 hours of Ministry of Transportation approved Beginner Driver Education (BDE) curriculum. Bluewater students will receive instruction using either Canadian Pro Drivers or Collision Prevention. Course content to include:

Canadian Pro Drivers

20 hours classroom

10 hours home link (flexible) workbook

10 hours in-car instruction*

*driving a car equipped with dual controls.

Collision Prevention

20 hours classroom

7 hours independent learning

13 hours in-car instruction*

Classes are *normally* held after school. Days and times will vary from school to school. Please visit http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/coned/course_list for the course schedule by school location. Pre-registration will take place at each secondary school, date/times to be announced. Parents are responsible for the student's trip home after class. The car and its occupants are adequately covered by insurance during the driving period.

Students who have successfully completed the course and provided all requested documentation will be “certified” electronically with the Ministry of Transportation within seven days of receipt of course marks provided by the Driving Instructor. Students requiring proof of course completion for possible insurance discounts should attend, in person, at a MTO Licence Issuing Office and request a “Driver Licence History Search”. There is a \$12.00 fee for this service.

Minimum course enrolment is required. Students will be notified immediately if a course is cancelled or full. Students not accepted for a session will be given preference for the next session based on age and enrolment dates.

The aim of the driver instruction course is to develop the knowledge, attitudes, habits and skills necessary for the safe operation of a motor vehicle. Students who successfully complete the course will have the background knowledge necessary for proper driving. However, they will need additional driving experience under parental guidance and direction.

Regular attendance is mandatory for both the classroom instruction and the in-car training. Missed classes must be rescheduled with your program provider. Failure to attend regularly may result in a student being dropped from the course and forfeiture of the course fee. The Driver Education program must be completed within a twelve month period to be certified with the Ministry of Transportation.

If you wish your son or daughter to take the Driver Education course, please complete an application form and submit (fax, e-mail, mail) together with a copy of their G1 and payment to Bluewater District School Board, Community Education, Box 190, Chesley, ON N0G 1L0 at least 1 week prior to the course start date. For more information, forms, visit http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/coned/driver_ed or contact Kris Klages, Community Use of Schools Assistant at 1-800-661-7509, kris_klages@bwdsb.on.ca Fax 519-370-2974.