



## BEGINNER DRIVER EDUCATION

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Beginner Driver Education is being offered at Bluewater secondary schools for 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 session to participate. The course fee is **due prior to the course start date**.

Ministry-approved BDE courses are 40 hours in length, consisting of:

- 20 hours classroom instruction
  - 10 hours in-vehicle instruction\*
  - 10 hours of flexible instruction that may include: classroom driving instruction, computer-based instruction, in-vehicle instruction, driving simulator instruction, homelink/workbook.
- \*equipped with dual controls

Classes are *normally* held after school. Please visit [http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/coned/course\\_list](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.

Upon successful completion of the Beginner Driver Education course, and submission of all required documentation (i.e. workbooks), students will be certified in the Ministry of Transportation Driver Education System as soon as possible after receipt of course marks provided by the Driving Instructor. A Driver's Licence History (issued by the MTO for a fee) provides proof of successful completion of and graduation from a BDE course and may provide the graduate entitlement to an insurance discount. This request can only be made by the driver's licence holder at a Driver's and Vehicle Issuing Office.

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 education 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/guardian 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 Beginner Driver Education program must be completed within a twelve month period to receive Ministry of Transportation certification.

If you would like your son or daughter to take the Beginner Driver Education course, please complete an application form and submit (fax, e-mail, mail) together with a copy of his/her G1 and payment to Bluewater District School Board, Community Education Department, Box 190, Chesley, ON N0G 1L0 prior to the course start date. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, forms, or to make payment visit [http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/coned/driver\\_ed](http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/coned/driver_ed) or contact the Community Education Services Assistant at 1-800-661-7509, Fax 519-370-2974