

Castle High School Driver Education

Location: Castle High School-Room 37

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Learner Objective:

- 1) The student will be able to demonstrate and understand knowledge of laws and regulations of the streets and highways that pertain to driving.
- 2) The student will safely perform the skills required for the basic driving task.
- 3) The student will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of environmental conditions that affect driving and how to react to them.
- 4) The student will be able to identify and avoid risks, impediments, and dangers involved when driving or operating a vehicle.
- 5) The student will demonstrate the ability to use proper procedures when interacting with traffic in various situations.

Driver Education program at Castle High School consists of two parts:

- 1) Classroom: M, T, Th, F, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (NO classes on Wednesday)
- 2) Behind the Wheel: 6 BTW Lessons and 6-12 Observation Lessons (dates and times to be scheduled w/instructor)

Instructors: Classroom - Lester Higa (Program coordinator)
Behind the Wheel (BTW) -Mr. Lester Higa and Mr. Tyler Okamura-Tagupa

Learner's Permit: Preference will be given to students with a learner's permit at the time the application is completed over students without a permit. Should there be more student than available space, student are selected on a first come-first serve basis.

Class

Requirements: 40 hours of classroom instruction

- Parent/Student meeting (6:00 to 8:00 pm)- mandatory (2 hours)
- 38 hours of class
- Successful completion of all of course work:
 - All assignments, Chapter tests, Final exam, Homework, Class participation
 - BTW will not began until ALL above work has been fulfilled.

Grading: (Student must pass all areas listed below)

- All class and homework assignments (80% or better)
- Chapter tests (80% or better)
- Final Exam (80% or better)
- Class participation (100%)

Textbook:

- AAA How to Drive, 15th edition, 2020.

Behind-the-Wheel (BTW)

Requirements:

- 6 BTW Lessons and 6-12 Observations Lessons

- Valid Hawaii Learner's Permit
- Notarized statement (Acknowledgement of Practice Driving form)-50 hour worksheet (40 hours daylight and 10 hours night) supervised by a licensed driver, 21 years or older.

Classroom and BTW Rules and Expectations

Classroom:

1. Students MUST attend ALL scheduled classes including parent/student meeting. Any absence or tardy may result in immediate dismissal from the course without a refund of course fees.
 - a. A student has one (1) excused absence due to EXTREME mitigating circumstances, such as, severe illness or death in the family. A written note, by the student's Medical Doctor, must be submitted to the instructor upon his or her return AND must make-up the missed class during the next session.
 - b. Make-ups for absence, tests, and assignments will be during the next session when the class (which was missed) is being taught.
 - i. For example, if a student misses classroom chapter 5 in session 1, then, he or she will return during the session 2, when classroom chapter 5 is being taught, and make up the work. It is the student's responsibility to check with the instructor for the exact make-up day. A student must satisfactorily complete make-up assignments and make-up the missed class.
 - c. BTW will not start until make-up is fulfilled.
 - d. NO tardies, NO excuses.
2. All Castle High School rules, Driver Education rules, and Chapter 19 rules/regulations apply. Vaping is a Class C Offense under Chapter 19 and will be enforced on campus (including virtually), in the BTW vehicle, and at any stops made during a BTW lesson. If a student is caught or suspected of vaping, he/she may be subject to removal. Other disruptive behaviors may also lead to dismissal from the course without a refund of course fees.
3. Arrange for your child to be picked-up immediately following each classroom lesson. No supervision will be provided beyond the end of the class. The instructor will not be responsible for any student left on campus after class.
4. All textbooks, workbooks, etc. that students sign out must be returned at the end of the classroom course, in usable condition. Lost or damaged materials will need to be paid for, in full or a delinquent note will be attached to the student's account and may affect the student's completion certificates as well as their participation in graduation. BTW will not start until make-up is fulfilled.
5. All classes will meet at CHS Classroom 37 including final exam and make-up.
6. If a student is ill with a doctor's note, the student may join the class virtually. However, a doctor's note must be emailed to the instructor prior to the beginning of class so the instructor can prepare for a virtual session. This is only for students with doctor's note. NO note NO virtual meet. The ill students must have a computer with a working microphone and working camera directed at their entire face for the duration of the class time. No cell

phones will be allowed as a device to be used to join the class session. Student will be projected on screen for entire class to see.

Behind the Wheel (BTW):

1. All Castle High School rules, Driver Education rules, and Chapter 19 rules/regulations apply. Vaping is a Class C Offense under Chapter 19 and will be enforced on campus (including virtually), in the BTW vehicle, and at any stops made during a BTW lesson. If a student is caught or suspected of vaping, he/she may be subject to removal.
2. Report to the Castle High School Auditorium parking lot (or band room parking lot if Auditorium lot is being used) 5 - 10 minutes before scheduled driving lesson. BTW lesson will meet rain or shine, unless notified by the instructor.
3. Covered shoes are required. No shoes, NO driving.
4. Be sure that you have your Learner's Permit. No permit, NO driving.
5. Return the In-car Evaluation forms, signed, during the next scheduled driving lesson.
6. Unexcused absences and tardies will not be tolerated. Student maybe dropped, NO refunds.
7. If you know ahead of time that you cannot report for BTW lesson, contact the instructor and your partner via text message.
8. If you are sick on the morning of BTW lesson and cannot report for BTW lesson, inform the instructor and your driving partner at least 45 minutes prior to the beginning of the lesson or as soon as possible via text message.
9. NO one can drive ALONE. There must be two students in the driver education vehicle. Remind your driving partner of your BTW date (get their phone numbers).
10. Arrange for pick-up immediately following the lessons. No supervision will be provided.
11. It is important that you practice driving between lessons. You need to complete 50 hours of supervised driving, in addition to your BTW lessons. There will be NO BTW lesson unless 5 hours of practice driving has occurred since the last lesson. By BTW lesson #4 both drivers must have at least 25 hours of practice driving.
12. A face mask is required while in the Driver Ed vehicle.

FEE:

Complete and sign the Driver Education contract and return it to the Driver Education teacher. Failure to return the form will result in denial to participation in the Driver Education program. There is a \$10.00 fee for the session, payable no later than the first day of class. There will be no refunds after the first class. Make checks payable to Castle High School
