

**SYLLABUS
DRIVERS EDUCATION
CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**Course Name: Drivers Education
Instructor: Marc Ponder**

Prerequisites: A learners permit must be acquired before on-road-driving.

Program Goals: This program is designed to present students with the basic knowledge and on-road driving skills needed before obtaining their drivers license. The goals of this program are: 1) to learn the fundamentals of safety and responsibility within the driving environment and 2) to gain actual driving experience under the supervision of a certified instructor. The first goal is attained through the required minimum 30 clock hours of classroom instruction. The second goal is attained through hands-on driving experiences in a dual controlled (brakes) vehicle during behind-the-wheel instruction. This may also include optional phases of the program: simulations, golf cart, and multi-vehicle driving range experiences.

Course Description: Drivers Education is a one-half credit course that is not required to graduation. Although primarily chosen by ninth and tenth grade students, this course is open for students in grades 9-12. The class offers 30 hours of classroom instruction combined with 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training as required by the Alabama Course of Study. An advanced driving simulation lab is also utilized along with a golf cart for extra practice.

Course Objectives: 1) Highway License Requirements 2) Traffic Laws 3) Responsible Ownership 4) Driving Procedures and Maneuvers 5) Factors Related to Youthful Drivers 6) Physical and Mental Impairments 7) Other Highway Users 8) Different Environments and Conditions 9) Boating Safety

Course Expectations: 1) Respect the teacher, yourself, and their property 2) Do not talk while the teacher is talking 3) Participate during class and do not talk while someone else is talking 4) All rules that are in your school handbook will be enforced.

Evaluation: 1) Test will be given when material is completed 2) Quizzes will be given 3) Simulation 4) On road driving 5) Golf cart driving 6) Photo project 7) Final Exam. Each assignment, test, quiz, project will be worth 100 pts.

Materials: 1) 3-ring binder 2) Pen and pencil 3) Drivers permit

*** Parents will be notified when students:** 1) Grades start falling 2) Disrespectful to teacher or substitute teacher.

