

NUAMES Driver Education

Behind the Wheel, Observation & Road Skills Test Disclosure

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Student (Participant) and Parent/Guardian acknowledge this disclosure by endorsing the information card. The card is to remain on file with the school. The instructor(s) reserve the right to update this disclosure as necessary throughout the year.

The Driver Education program consists of three main components:

- (1) **Classroom Course Instruction** (Delivered: Hybrid/Online/In-person)
- (2) **Behind the Wheel (BTW) Instruction/Observation** (In a Driver Education Vehicle)
- (3) **Road Skills Test** (Student may only attempt the road skills test after both the Classroom AND BTW are completed)

NUAMES DRIVER EDUCATION DOES NOT ACCEPT TRANSFER COMPLETIONS FROM OTHER SCHOOL/DISTRICT DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS. STUDENTS MUST BEGIN WITH THE CLASSROOM PORTION AT NUAMES. NUAMES WILL NOT OFFER BTW INSTRUCTION NOR ROAD SKILLS TESTING FOR STUDENTS WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CLASSROOM COURSE AT NUAMES.

IF A STUDENT TRANSFERS FROM NUAMES TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL/DISTRICT, ANY AND ALL FUTURE ROAD SKILLS TESTING OPPORTUNITIES ARE FORFEITED AFTER THE EXIT DATE. STUDENTS MUST TAKE THE ROAD SKILLS TEST WITH THEIR NEW SCHOOL OR THE DLD.

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians and students to understand and follow all requirements for Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) driving, observation, and Road Skills Testing. Failure to understand these requirements is not an acceptable excuse and could result in delaying or canceling driving sessions.

Behind-the-Wheel driving is prioritized based on the following (to be considered for a driving session, all must be complete except items 7 & 8):

1. Currently enrolled at NUAMES

2. In possession of a Learner Permit
3. Driver Education Fee payment
4. Completion of Street Smarts, Rail Safety, Trends and Safety Exam, and ZERO Fatalities Parent Night
5. Diligence in completing classroom work (no missing assignments)
6. 20 hours minimum of driving supervised by a parent/guardian
7. Academic standing at NUAMES
8. 16th birthday
9. Learner Permit expiration date

Expectations during the driving session:

Students and parents must agree to the terms below.

- Students will be assigned a driving instructor at the campus where they are registered to attend. Students registered at the Davis Campus will drive with instructors located at the Davis Campus. Students registered at North Campus will drive with instructors located at the North Campus.
- Driving Schedules: NUAMES provides set driving schedules. Parents and students are responsible for making the available driving sessions work. If current driving sessions are not feasible, more will be available later. We do not and cannot accommodate personal schedule requests.
- Driving sessions vary between 2 and 3 hours and may have 2-3 students per session.
 - The instructor must supervise at least two students in the vehicle at a time.
- Driving sessions and times vary. Students can expect to start as early as 5:30 AM. The driving session may end no later than 9 PM. Sessions could take place on any day of the week (except Sundays and national or state holidays). Also, driving days could be when school is not in session. (Fall break, Spring break, etc.)
- **Students must always have their physical learner permit in immediate possession** during the entire BTW instruction and road test (students CANNOT legally drive or test without their permit). Digital versions or pictures/copies of a learner permit are NOT acceptable according to state law. (Utah Code Section 53G-10-507 (4))
 - Learner permit CANNOT be expired. The learner permit must also be legible.
 - If the learner permit is ripped, torn into pieces, or information is obscured, it must be replaced at the DLD.
- Students are NOT allowed to use their cell phones in a driver education vehicle. Cell phones and other electronic devices will be turned off and placed in the center console during driving time.
- Students will drive with the instructor for 5 hours (Street Smart equals the 6th hour)
 - Students will observe for 6 hours. This may require a student to do an additional session purely to observe.
 - Students observing from the backseat are expected to be attentive and complete the BTW documentation during each session.
- As we prepare to drive together in our small vehicle, it's essential to prioritize good personal hygiene. Please ensure that you smell fresh and clean, as close quarters can amplify odors. Additionally, for safety and visibility reasons, make sure your hair is styled so it doesn't cover your face. This will help you maintain clear vision and focus while driving. Let's create a comfortable environment for everyone as we learn to be responsible drivers.
- Students will be expected to follow all dress code guidelines as per the NUAMES student handbook and policies. To maintain a safe driving environment, students are expected to have appropriate footwear while driving. Students may not drive "barefoot" or with socks only.
- All occupants of the driver education vehicle will be expected to use the restraint system (seatbelts) correctly while the vehicle is in operation. This includes the student maintaining

proper body posture so that the restraint functions properly as intended by the vehicle manufacturer.

Rules about driving sessions:

Students and parents must agree to the terms below.

- **NUAMES does not guarantee students will be ready for licensure by their 16th birthday**
- Driving sessions and road tests must be completed within the following semester from starting the course, but do not have to be completed during the semester the student is taking the driver education course. Many students will begin the BTW after they complete the classroom course due to instructor and vehicle availability.
- Driving sessions and road tests may or may not occur during the classroom portion of driver education. The entire Driver Education process may take several months to complete.
- Students must complete the Behind the Wheel and Road Skill Testing according to the following time frame:
 - **Summer Semester students:** BEFORE winter break begins
 - **Fall Semester students:** BEFORE Memorial Day weekend
 - **Spring Semester students:** BEFORE Labor Day weekend
- Students **must** already be driving under their parents' or guardians' supervision prior to their BTW session.
 - NUAMES requires **at least** 20 hours of supervised practice driving before beginning BTW time with the instructor.
- It is obvious when students do not have much driving experience. If the situation becomes severe enough, we reserve the right to postpone the Behind-the-Wheel driving with the instructor and/or the road test until students are ready to proceed. DRIVE with your student!
- This may require an additional fee if students do not meet state requirements for driving with an instructor.
- Driving scheduling: The assigned driving instructor will contact the student directly to schedule the driving sessions.
 - Driving instructors may use various contact methods using the contact information provided on the information card.
- Once a student schedules a driving session, they **must adhere** to the schedule.
- If a student cancels, it affects the other students driving in the session and the teacher. Please honor the time you sign up for (except in emergencies such as illness or other serious, unexpected life events). In case of an emergency, such as sickness, please notify the instructor immediately through the instructor's preferred communication method.
- **FAILURE TO ATTEND A SESSION WITHOUT AT LEAST 48 HOURS' PRIOR NOTICE WILL RESULT IN THE STUDENT BEING REMOVED FROM THE SESSION. THE STUDENT WILL HAVE TO SCHEDULE A NEW SESSION. (USUALLY 2-3 MONTH WAITING LIST). An additional fee may be assessed and determined by the administration.**

Scoring:

Students will be given a daily score after each driving session. If the score is below 80%, the student must practice driving with a parent/guardian before the next scheduled driving session. If a student does not show 80% competency in all driving maneuvers by the final driving session, then the student must retake the driving portion and re-pay the driving fee.

Road Skills Testing:

The road skills test is offered as a convenience to the students at NUAMES. Road skills testing will be available to current students who have successfully completed the Behind-the-Wheel portion and the classroom course. Students who did not perform at the standard set by the state of Utah during the Behind-the-Wheel portion will not be granted a road skills test until after repeating the

Behind-the-Wheel successfully. Up to two road skills tests may be taken with NUAMES. Students do not get to choose which vehicle they take the road skills test in. The vehicle will be one of many driver education vehicles provided by the school.

Road Skill Testing Timeline:

- Must complete Road Skills testing within 90 days of completing Behind-the-Wheel, or the end of the following semester from the online course (whichever comes first).
- Road Skills tests are scheduled at the convenience of the instructor, not at the student's convenience.
- Students may take a Road Skills test with NUAMES before age 16
- Skill testing will be conducted by a different instructor than the one for Behind the Wheel Instruction.

Road Skill Testing at the DLD:

- Students may choose to take the road skills test at the DLD. An additional fee is required by the DLD.
- Students may not be able to schedule a test with the DLD for several months.
- Students must take a personal vehicle (registered and insured) and be at least 16 years old when testing at the DLD.
- **Once a student chooses to take the Road Skills Test at the DLD, any and all future Road Skills Testing with NUAMES is forfeited.**

**NUAMES contracts teachers from other schools/districts to complete driving in a timely manner. These teachers are state-certified and qualified to teach driving safely.

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