

Why Take Driver's Education @ Dunlap High School?

- › **Classroom Driver's Education is a graduation requirement for ALL students at DUNLAP HIGH SCHOOL.**
 - **Myth:** *If you complete Driver's Ed. (classroom or BTW) at a private driving school and/or facility, you will get your driver's license sooner than you would if taking both portions at DHS.*
 - **Fact:** The state of Illinois requires all student-drivers to hold their instructional permit for a total of **NINE** consecutive months from the day their permit is officially issued.

- › **Students at DHS will be given the opportunity to participate in our "Impairment Driving Simulators."**
 - **Fact:** *We are the **only** school district in the area to offer this type of opportunity. With that said, due to weather, only students who take the classroom portion during Quarter 1 or Quarter 4 of the school year, will participate/enjoy these experiences.*
 - **Fact:** This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity where students experience what it is like to drive "under the influence," without ever consuming a single drop of alcohol, taking a hit off a joint, or breaking a law on the open road. While wearing specifically designed goggles, which limit their abilities to perform simple tasks, students complete different stations using pedal cars and selected objects that help simulate driving drunk, high, or fatigued.

- › **Student-Drivers at DHS are allowed to take BTW DURING the school day.**
 - **Fact:** *BTW completed at private driving schools and/or facilities is only offered to students before or after school, and/or on weekends.*
 - **Fact:** A huge benefit for taking Driver's Ed. at DHS, is the fact that 95% of our student-drivers participate in BTW during the school day (**1st-7th hour**). This allows students to complete 1 of their 2 requirements during either their study hall, PE, or band/chorus class hours. Student-drivers are also given the opportunity to take BTW during 0-Hour (7:24-8:00AM), or over the Summer (June/July) -- **both are student choice**.

- › **Dunlap High School has among the lowest Driver's Education fees in the area – (public or private).**
 - **Myth:** *The cost/fees of taking Driver's Ed. at a private driving school and/or facility are the same as taking Driver's Ed. at Dunlap High School.*
 - **Fact:** There is **NO** fee for a student to take the classroom portion. There is a **\$20** fee required by the DMV for students to receive their permits, and a one-time only **\$150** fee (*increased as of August 2022*) charged by DHS for students to complete BTW. Other area high schools (\$200-250), as well as private driving schools and/or facilities (\$300-\$500+), charge considerably more to complete their program.

- › **Dunlap CUSD #323 own and maintain our own BTW cars!**
 - **Fact:** *Prior to 2018, DHS student-drivers used cars loaned to us from a local Peoria dealership.*
 - **Fact:** As of August 2021, **ALL** DHS student-drivers now complete their required BTW hours while driving **DHS OWNED** 2019, 2021 and 2022 Ford Escapes! (*This is actually a really **BIG** deal!*)