



Parents / Guardians,

It's time to get registered for 2022 Drivers Education Classes. Students will need to be registered by February 1, 2022.

Payment of fees is not required to begin taking the classes. However, fees must be paid before a "blue or white card" is issued to prove you have completed class - you need this to take your permit or behind the wheel test. All fees will need to be paid to Bonnie or Cindy in the office. Money will not be taken by the instructor.

The 2022 fees for Driver Education are as follows:

	<b>RLF Students</b>	<b>Out of District</b>
Students		
Classroom only -	\$120	\$175
Behind the Wheel Only -	\$290	\$350

Students wishing to enroll in the **classroom** portion must be at least **14 years old by January 1, 2022**, the closer to their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday the better their chances of successfully passing the permit test. In

addition, the older they are ... Hopefully the more prepared they are for the responsibility of driving. If you feel your child is not ready for this responsibility, please do not hesitate to keep them out of class for an additional year.

There are 30 hours that are required. Students **MUST** attend all 30 hours of class. If they will need to miss more than 1 session, please contact me prior to the start of class to determine if we can accommodate this. If needed we will schedule a makeup session. Last year classes were online due to the pandemic, this year the state has went back to the requirement of in class instruction.

In addition to student sessions, RLF Drivers Education has a parent class that all parents are **EXPECTED** to attend. According to changes in MN state law, this must be separate from the student sessions. The date and times are listed in the calendar below. This will highlight laws that parents should know expectations of students for the classroom, an explanation of the examination process, and an opportunity to ask questions. Each student should have at least **ONE** parent attend this session, this should be the parent that will be their primary driving supervisor. Both parents are welcome to attend if they so wish.

Students will hear from numerous guest speakers, including an insurance agent, law enforcement, local and regional ambulance, RLC highway department, school transportation, and many more. Parents are welcome to attend and listen to these speakers.

Students wishing to enroll in the **behind the wheel** portion **must be 15 AND have earned their Learner's Permit**. Behind the Wheel (BTW) is mandatory 6 hour session, taking place over 3 days. Students will drive in RLF, Thief River Falls, and Crookston. All sessions will begin at

LHS, with the students driving themselves home if they live within 5 miles of the school.

A schedule of Behind the Wheel hours will be developed once students have registered. Students will get their schedule based on age, the older students getting their hours completed first. Every attempt will be made to get hours completed prior to their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The schedule for classes is below. This schedule looks a little different than in the past. My goal was to not have the class stretched out for as long as of a period as in the past, to help optimize learning. I also wanted to avoid conflicts with sports schedules. I met with Mr. Kennett and contacted some of the coaches. I also contacted other schools to see what works for them. In doing all this we came to the conclusion that the month of March in the mornings and three Wednesdays would be best. I know this may be an inconvenience, but this is what we feel is best for the program.

### **2022 Classroom Schedule**

1. Monday, February 28, 6:00 -7:30 a.m.
2. Tuesday, March 1, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.
3. Wednesday, March 2, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.
4. Thursday, March 3, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.
5. Monday, March 7, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.
6. Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.
7. Wednesday, March 9, 6 - 9 p.m.
8. Thursday, March 10, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.
9. Monday, March 14, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.
10. Tuesday, March 15, 6:00-7:30 a.m.
11. Wednesday, March 16, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
12. Thursday, March 17, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.

13. Monday, March 21, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.
14. Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.
15. Wednesday, March 23, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**Parent Night:** Last year the parent night was able to be online, but with the emergency powers being over, the law states the parent night, must be in person. The parent night will be on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school.