

Driver Education Student Eligibility Guidelines

Appendix A AP-609 Driver Education

Driver education is offered in high school. It consists of thirty (30) hours of in-class instruction and six (6) hours in-car. The purpose of the training is to develop competent and safe road users.

Prior to Beginning Driver Education

- The student must meet the eligibility criteria of SGI and the Division.
- Student must have a Saskatchewan Government MySGI account and a customer number from any SGI agency. (Students should be aware that SGI has [identity and residency verification requirements](#) needed to obtain a MySGI account.)
- By March 30 of the preceding school year, the principal or designate will provide a list of students who could be eligible for driver education in the fall to the Coordinator and Learning Support Services (LSS) team (Registered Psychologists and Occupational Therapists).
- In situations where there is a concern about the student's suitability to drive, the process outlined in AP-609 section 4 (c) will be followed.
- Every effort will be made to accommodate students with diverse needs. It is the responsibility of the family and school-based team to identify students that may require adaptations at least two (2) months before the driver training begins. The principal is responsible to notify the Coordinator supporting driver education that a student requires support. The Coordinator will consult with the school and the driver instructor to determine appropriate supports or adaptations.
 - Adaptations or supports could include:
 - Support for students with English as an additional language – medical assessment not required.
 - Support for hearing impaired students – medical assessment may be required.
 - A vehicle with modifications (e.g., hand controls) – medical assessment is required.

Age Guidelines

- Driver education is offered in schools as part of the Grade 10 program.
 - In rare cases, an exception may be made for a Grade 9 student to participate in the driver education program.

- This decision will be made by the Coordinator in charge of Driver Education with consultation from the school-based administrator.
- Students must be fourteen (14) years nine (9) months by the first day of the in-class program.
 - If a spring/summer program is offered, students must be fifteen (15) years of age on the first day of the in-class program. This will support the accelerated pace of the program and the quicker progression to the in-car instruction.
- Students may not write the Class 7 exam before they are fourteen (14) years nine (9) months.
- Students cannot begin the in-car component before they are fifteen (15) years old.
- Eligible students will be enrolled in driver education based on age priority.
- Students may purchase driver training from a commercial driver training school at age sixteen (16).

References

[SGI – Medical Review Unit](#)

[SGI – Identity and Residency Verification](#)

[Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists](#) - Mandatory Report to SGI

[The Traffic Safety Act, 2006](#)