



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.)
- The Principal or designate will provide a list of students who should be eligible for driver education in the fall by March 30 of the preceding school year. The list will be shared with the Coordinator and Learning Support Services (LSS) team (Registered Psychologists and Occupational Therapists).
- In some situations, there may be a concern around a student's suitability to drive safely based on intellectual/cognitive, perceptual, physical or medical limitations. A concern may be raised by the parents, principal, teacher or LSS. It is the responsibility of the family and the medical professionals involved to ensure that the student is safe to begin the driver education program. When a concern arises, it is the responsibility of the family to seek a medical assessment through SGI before the student begins driver training (minimum of two to three (2-3) months is required for an assessment to be conducted).
- When a concern is raised around a student's suitability to drive, a Supplementary Medical Application Form (Appendix E) and a Medical Reporting Form (Appendix F) will be provided to the family.
 - The family should complete the Supplementary Medical Application Form (Appendix E) and submit it directly to SGI.
 - The family should take the Medical Reporting Form (Appendix F) to their medical professional to check if they have any concerns. If they have a concern, the medical professional will complete the form.
 - The result of this process may prompt SGI to require a medical assessment.

Note: Occupational Therapists and Registered Psychologists are mandated to report directly to SGI for any student on their caseload who they believe may require additional assessment.

- 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 will notify the Coordinator of a

student requiring support and the Coordinator will consult on the supports or adaptations required. If the supports are not already provided at the school, the Coordinator will work with the driving school.

- 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 at the beginning of each course in 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](#)