

Online Driver Education

For Teens 15-17 Years Old

Aldine ISD Information Packet

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32-Hour Driver Education Course Overview

Virtual Drive Management, LLC has received full TEA approval to offer the first and to-date the only 32-hour, online driver education course that includes an online instructor. This course is a streamlined version of our popular 56-hour course offered thru TxVSN. These two courses, combined with our Adult Driver Education course, provide districts/high schools a driver education solution to meet the diverse needs of their students, parents and community.

As the State's leader in Computer Based Training Driver Education, the Virtual Drive Management, LLC courses have proven to be highly successful in deterring teen age driving accidents and moving violations. When it is all said and done, this is the most important statistic a driver education company and course can tout. Virtual Drive Management, LLC has verifiable surveys performed by an accredited Texas State University that shows students who successfully complete this course have much lower accident and moving violation rates than other national driver education courses on the market today.

Course Highlights:

- This online course meets the classroom requirements of the TEA and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). It consists of 10 modules and each module contains multiple lessons, topics and support material. (See attached Course Outline)
- Students can easily navigate through each module aided by graphic illustrations, graphic animations, video clips, photographs, mouse roll-overs, and easy to understand explanations of correct driving techniques.
- An online, Texas certified driver education instructor is available to answer a student's technical and course material questions.
- Once the student completes the entire course successfully, Virtual Drive Management will mail a Certificate of Completion for each student. The student and parent(s) take the **bottom section only** of this certificate and other personal documents to the DPS office to take the Learner's Permit test.
- After obtaining the Learner's Permit, students will receive 'in-car' training with either their parents or a certified driving instructor. NOTE: Virtual Drive Management does not provide the certified instructor for 'in-car' training. If parents choose not to perform the 'in-car' instruction with their child, then the cost to obtain a certified 'in-car' instructor is their responsibility.
- After the parents and/or 'in-car' driving instructor have completed the 34 hours of supervised driving, the student has held their Learner's Permit for at least 6 months and is 16 years of age or older, the student can apply for their student driver license at the DPS office.

Curriculum Outline

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Qty of Lessons</u>
• Introduction		
• Module 1	Knowing Texas Travel Laws	6 Lessons
• Module 2	Preparing to Operate A Vehicle	4 Lessons
• Module 3	Basic Maneuvering Tasks	4 Lessons
• Module 4	Basic Maneuvering Tasks/Low	4 Lessons
• Module 5	Driver Readiness	4 Lessons
• Module 6	Highway Driving	4 Lessons
• Module 7	Alcohol and Other Drugs	4 Lessons
• Module 8	Driver Performance/Personal Factors	4 Lessons
• Module 9	Adverse Conditions	4 Lessons
• Module 10	Personal Responsibility	4 Lessons
• Final Assessment		

Student Eligibility Requirements for Teen Course

- The student must be enrolled in a Texas district or open enrollment charter school serving grades 9-12
- The course is successfully completed during the fall, spring or summer semester.
- The student is between the ages of 14 years, 9 months & 17 years, 3 months.
- The student is otherwise eligible to take Driver Education.

Course Website Address:

To 'log-in' to the course, students should go to the website, below.

<http://virtualdriveoftexas.com/schools/aldine/AldineISD.html>

Important Items To Remember

- 1) Enroll & pay for the course, online. The website to enroll or for more information is: <http://aldine.drivethefoundation.com>.
- 2) Make sure your name, email address, mailing address, phone # and date of birth are correct during enrollment.
- 3) **PARENTS/STUDENTS:** You will create a Username and Password during the enrollment process.
***** You Must Remember Your 'Username' and 'Password'. *****
- 4) **PARENTS:** If the parents are providing the 'In-Car' instruction to their child, you must obtain a copy of Form DL-92 & mail it, with \$20.00, to the State DPS office in Austin, **as soon as possible**. A copy of Form DL-92 can be obtained by an Internet search or by clicking [HERE](#).
- 5) After enrolling, the website to log-in to the course is:
<http://virtualdriveoftexas.com/schools/aldine/AldineISD.html>
- 6) **STUDENTS:** This course is self-paced; however, State law limits online classroom instruction to a maximum of 2 hours per day. The course may be completed in as few as 20 calendar days.
- 7) **PARENTS/STUDENTS:** After successfully completing the course, Virtual Drive will mail a Certificate of Completion to the student's address provided during Enrollment. Once again, please make sure your name and address are correct.
- 8) **STUDENTS:** You must have a Learner's Permit to drive. The Learner's Permit only allows you to drive with a licensed driver who is 21 years old or older in the car.
- 9) **GETTING THE LEARNER'S PERMIT:** A Parent and their child will need to take the following documents to the local DPS office:
 - a. **ONLY THE BOTTOM PORTION** of the Certificate of Completion (It is labeled **FOR INSTRUCTION PERMIT ONLY**).
 - b. VOE – Verification of Enrollment – (From High School Counselor)
 - c. Birth Certificate (Original)
 - d. Social Security Card
 - e. There will be a \$16.00 fee to take the Learner Permit test and the eye examination.
**** The student will have to take the permit exam given at the DPS office, no exceptions. Remember to take only the BOTTOM portion of your Certificate of Completion to get your permit. ****

Important Items To Remember – (continued)

- 10) **PARENTS WHO PROVIDE 'IN-CAR' INSTRUCTION:** This online course includes a section for you. This portion of the course teaches you how to perform the 'in-car' driving instruction with your child. You will need to print each driving lesson and take it with you when providing 'in-car' driving instruction and check-off each task your child completes successfully.
- 11) **GETTING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE:** After the parents and student have completed the 34 hours of 'In-Car' driving instruction, the student has held their Learner's Permit for at least 6 months and the student is 16 years of age or older, he/she may apply for their student driver license at the DPS office.

Parents/Students will need to schedule a Driving Test appointment with a DPS officer. Parents will need to accompany their child to the DPS office. Please be sure to at least the following documents:

- a) **THE TOP PORTION** of the Certificate of Completion (It is labeled **FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE ONLY**).
- b) All of the Driving Logs that were printed from the course. These logs must be completed and signed by the Parent and the Student.
- c) Birth Certificate
- d) Social Security Card
- e) Learner's Permit

'In-Car' / 'Behind-The-Wheel' Instruction Options

Option #1 – Parent Taught 'In-Car' Driver Training

This option is available to all parents who meet the qualifications of the state of Texas. These qualifications are very simple and are listed on the DL-92 form that you will need to send to Austin for registration. Most parents will choose this method because of the ease, flexibility and its lower cost.

How to sign up for Parent Taught 'In-Car' or 'Behind-The-Wheel' Training:

Step 1 – Fill out the DL-92 registration form. This form is available in this package or at:
<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/InternetForms/Forms/DL-92.pdf>

Step 2 -- Print & complete the form

Step 3 -- Send the form, along with a \$20 check, to the address on the top left. You will receive your Parent Packet from the DPS in approximately 3 weeks.

Step 4 – Review all of the sections in the Parent section portion of the course. Print out each driving lesson and take them with you when conducting the 'behind-the-wheel' instruction.

REMEMBER: Your child must be at least 15 years of age, and must have successfully completed this 32-hour course before being eligible for the Learner's Permit. He/She will then have to hold the Learner's Permit at least 6 months and be 16 years of age in order to be eligible for their Driver License. During this 6-month period, the parent or a certified driving instructor can provide the 'in-car' instruction.

Option #2 – Professional Driving School or Certified Instructor

If you live in a community where a professional driving school or a Certified Instructor is available, this is certainly an option. Most professional driving schools prefer to take the student through the entire program so you will have to check with them before you decide on this method. The cost will be between \$300 and \$400.

The driving school or the certified instructor will be responsible for a) 7 hours of direct behind the wheel instruction and b) 7 hours of observation, meaning that the student will not be driving but in the back seat observing another student. **The parent will still be responsible for the additional 20 hours of supervised driving.**

If you choose this method, the driver training schedule is less flexible. You will be provided the time slots that are available by the driving school/instructor and you will have to work into their schedule. Most approved driving schools and certified instructors are very knowledgeable and experienced. This is a very safe and sound method of choice.

Computer Equipment & Technical Needs

WINDOWS

- *Pentium 133 processor*
- *Windows 2000/XP*
- *64 meg RAM*
- *Video Card - 800 x 600 display*
- *Sound Card with speakers*
- *Color Monitor*
- *Internet Connection*
- *Flash Player*
- *Acrobat Reader*
- *Printer*

MAC

- *OS X.1 or later*
- *128 MB RAM for OS X.1 or later*
- *800 x 600 – 256 color monitor*
- *Internet Connection*
- *Flash Player*
- *Acrobat Reader*
- *Printer*

The following settings and plug-ins must be active in order to view this course:

Shockwave

Adobe Flash Player

Adobe Acrobat Reader

Cookies must be enabled

Pop-Up Blockers must be turned "Off"