

Aloha Driving Schools Policies – WAC 308-108-120

Aloha Driving Schools Philosophy

1. Driving is an important, lifelong skill. The student needs to be serious about this course and make it a high priority. This means that they may need to free up their schedule in order to be successful.
2. We encourage parents to become involved in their student's educational progress. You are paying for this service, so please be involved and make sure your child is getting the full benefit of this service.
3. Please feel free to call the office or instructor about your child's progress during this course.
4. If you have any comments or concerns, please give us a call or feel free to talk with us in person.

Enrollment Policies

1. Students must be 15 years or older by the first day of class. We refuse to allow a student to attend our traffic safety program before they turn 15 years old.
2. Course duration is a minimum of 5 weeks and a maximum of 18 weeks, consisting of 15 periods of 2-hour classroom instruction sessions, 6 one hour long behind-the-wheel drives, and one hour of observing another student drive. The total cost of this course is \$390.00.
3. Students shall not be enrolled into a driver's education course after the third classroom session of that course has been completed.
4. Students will receive no more than 1 class period of instruction per day and no more than 2 hours of makeup time per day.
5. The student will be notified by phone in the event the school cancels classes. The student may also be texted, emailed, or see a notification on our website about class being canceled. Canceled classes will be made up at the end of the course, or during an alternate day.
6. Classes are usually held from either 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. or 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. during the school year, although class times may differ from these times.
7. A refund of all fees paid will be made, upon request, if school is not capable or willing to begin instruction within 30 calendar days from the agreed to in the contract.
8. Students who miss more than 3 class periods **WILL** be un-enrolled and will need to restart the course completely, joining a different class and paying another \$390 for the course. If the student was absent for their 4th and onward missed days due to illness, injury, family emergencies, etc., please talk with the instructor or office staff.
9. Aloha Driving Schools does not guarantee that any student will pass the Washington State license examination, or that the student can obtain a license.
10. A fee of \$45 will be charged for any insufficient funds or stopped check that is returned by a bank. The issuer of the check will be responsible for legal expenses.
11. **Students are fully accountable for their conduct.** Any damage done by a student to school property, building, or parking lot will result in the student being **immediately expelled from the program with no refund.** Restitution for any damage will be the responsibility of the student, parent, and/or guardian.
12. Cell phone usage or sleeping is not allowed during classroom sessions or in the vehicles during drive or observation time. Anyone found talking/texting on a cell phone or sleeping during these times will be considered absent and will not be given credit for their attendance. All students hereby agree to keep the building, parking lot, and automobiles clean from all litter and debris.
13. Any students found with reasonable suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while attending classroom or behind-the-wheel instruction will be **immediately expelled from the program with not refund.** A conference will be held with their parent/guardian and local law enforcement officers will be contacted.
14. All students are expected to be responsible and self-governing. Attitude maturity is an important part of this course and of being a responsible driver. Any student who was found purposely disruptive or disrespectful to the instructor, other students, or with anyone on Aloha Driving Schools' property shall be dismissed from and counted absent from the session they are attending, or expelled from the class depending on the severity of the action. Any students found with reasonable suspicion of gang activities, fighting with other students or staff, bringing weapons to class or in the instruction vehicle will be expelled and reported to law enforcement and no refund will be given.
15. Smoking is not allowed on school property.

Refund Policy

For notice of withdrawal received by the first day of the traffic safety course, a full refund will be issued within 3 business days **minus a \$25 processing fee. The request must be made in writing to obtain a refund. No refund of tuition will be granted for the traffic safety course after the first day of class.**

Washington State Intermediate Driver License Requirements & Penalties

A driver who obtains a license under the age of 18 will be issued an intermediate license which has certain restrictions which will be lifted when the driver turns 18. Listed below are the restrictions which a driver with an intermediate license must follow by law

- **Driving with Passengers**
 - For the first six months, no passengers under the age of 20 are allowed except for immediate family members (child, spouse, stepchild, siblings, parents, both by birth and marriage)
 - For the next six months, no more than 3 passengers under the age of 20 who aren't members of your immediate family are allowed
 - After driving safely for a year, this section of restrictions will be lifted
- **Nighttime Driving**
 - During the first 12 months, you are not allowed to drive between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless you're with a licensed driver who is 25 years old or older. (There are exceptions for agricultural purposes)
 - After driving safely for a year, this section of restrictions will be lifted
- **No Cell Phones**
 - You aren't allowed to use wireless devices while driving, even with a hands-free device. This includes texting or talking on a cell phone. The one case in which you may use a wireless device while driving is to report an emergency, and even then you should pull over to do so if it's possible to do so safely.
- **Penalties for Violations and Accidents**
 - **Violations can be given for the following**
 - Getting a ticket for violating the restrictions
 - Getting a ticket for violating a rule of the road
 - You are involved in an accident where
 - You get a ticket or are determined to have caused the accident
 - No one involved in the accident receives a ticket
 - The cause of the accident can't be determined
 - Only your car was involved in the accident
 - **First violation** – A warning letter will be sent to you and your parent/guardian, and your passenger/nighttime restrictions will apply until you turn 18
 - **Second violation** – You and your parent/guardian will be notified before any suspension action is taken, and then you will have your license suspended for 6 months (or until you're 18, whichever comes first)
 - **Third violation** – You and your parent/guardian will be notified before any suspension action is taken, and then you will have your license suspended until you're 18
- **You do NOT need to get a license when you turn 18, the license automatically becomes a regular driver's license**
- **If you're convicted of any drug or alcohol violations (or have been in the past) you will not be eligible to get your intermediate license; you must wait until you're 18**
- **If you have a license from another state and you're still under 18, all of the intermediate license restrictions still apply until you turn 18**