

Frequently Asked Questions

Driver Education - Bremen High School District 228

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In the State of Illinois, a person who has not yet reached their 18th birthday must successfully complete the [Graduated Driver Licensing \(GDL\)](#) program in order to obtain a driver license. This program consists of three parts: the Permit phase (drivers age 15), Initial Licensing phase (driver age 16-17) and Full Licensing phase (drivers 18 - 20). In the Permit phase, students must successfully complete both classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction. Students will automatically be enrolled in a one semester driver education class during their sophomore year (Grade 10). Here they will take the Rules of the Road test, which is utilized by the Secretary of State to assess a student's knowledge of crucial driving laws and information. District 228 assists with the process of helping students obtain their permit, but the Learner's Permit is a legal document managed solely by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

NOTE: *Students who do not complete both the classroom and behind-the-wheel portion of driver education will not be eligible to obtain their drivers license until they are 18. At which time, they are considered "adult applicants" and the student's high school work may not be accepted at the DMV.*

- 1) ***How does a student replace their learner's permit if it gets lost or damaged?***
The student **AND** a parent/guardian will have to go to the DMV to obtain a duplicate. You will be expected to present your birth certificate and proof of residency.
- 2) ***When can I get my license if I do not complete the District 228's BTW phase?***
Students who successfully complete the classroom portion of driver education but did not complete the behind-the-wheel phase, can obtain their license by completing the necessary requirements set forth by the [Secretary of State](#). Once a student has turned 18, they must provide proof they have successfully completed the classroom portion of driver education by taking a copy of their transcript to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). (Public Act 98-167)
- 3) ***I am going on vacation/school/family reunion etc. for a few days during the summer, can I be excused from behind the wheel?***
No, you may not be excused. You must plan to be here during the BTW dates listed. (This includes the only make-up date class listed.) Illinois State Law requires each student to be in BTW for 6 mandated hours. There is only one make-up date and there are **NO** exceptions for vacations, family reunions, weddings, sickness, deaths, funerals, court dates, etc. If you know you will miss more than one day of BTW in any given session (i.e. June or July) – please do not register. Wait and take BTW at another time or at a private driving school. Please note – there is a **cash only** \$25 fee for any student who needs to utilize the make-up date.
- 4) ***How does one register a student for one of the BTW sessions?***
Registration for BTW is an on-line process via the 8 to 18 website. Information about how to complete the registration process will be provided in various ways including email, District 228 website, Facebook and direct communication by your student's instructor. Registration will take place from February 1 - 14, 2022. The cost is \$175 for in-district students and \$250 for non-residents.

5) ***What BTW sessions are available for students/families to select?***

Students/families will be afforded the opportunity to register for the session of their choice. There are four (4) sessions available: April, May, June and July. Each session will consist of 10 drives/dates. In addition, students may complete BTW at any of the four district high schools (Bremen, Tinley Park, Hillcrest or Oak Forest).

6) ***Does District 228 offer the classroom phase in the summer?***

Yes, the classroom portion is offered in the summer (beginning June 6, 2022). The cost is \$100 for in-district students and \$175 for non-residents. To register for the classroom portion of driver education, please call 708.647.4831. Note: Students are able to enroll in the classroom and driving phases concurrently.

7) ***Does a student have to wait until their sophomore year in high school to enroll in an approved driver education course?***

No, the State of Illinois has two criteria for enrolling in an approved driver education course: 1) the student must be 15 years of age AND 2) passed a minimum of eight classes in the student's previous two semesters. Hence, students who have turned 15 may be eligible to enroll in an approved non-District 228 driver education course. Please note, District 228 does not offer driver education opportunities to students UNTIL they have started their sophomore year of high school.

8) ***How long do I have to wait before I can get my driver's license?***

Illinois State Law states you must hold your permit for 9 months from the date of issue. The date of issue is located on the front of the learner's permit.

Additional questions can be answered when calling the following:

Bremen High School Athletics	708.396.8123
Hillcrest High School Athletics	708.647.4823
Oak Forest High School Athletics	708.342.8323
Tinley Park High School Athletics	708.342.8223
District Driver Education Coordinator	708.647.4831