



# Community Education

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### Driver Education Positive Happenings

Forest Lake Area Schools Community Education Driver Education offers opportunities for the young and old. While the majority of our students are teenagers, we also have adults who take our classes. Last year we had approximately 200 students complete both classroom and behind the wheel.

Jeff Wilson has been our primary classroom instructor. Dave Hultgren has worked in both classroom and behind the wheel. Lori Lavin, Wayne Anderson and Bill Loushine handle the bulk of the in-car experience.

#### Classroom Driver Education – 30 Hours

Asking students how their permit test went and how well they felt prepared for the test is a good way to evaluate and make changes in how our class is taught. Most students reply that the test was easy and that they received the information and more while spending 30 hours in class. One of our students was very excited and happy that she passed the test. She was an immigrant from Asia and a 38 year old mother of three children.

#### Behind the Wheel – 6 Hours

When starting behind the wheel, we are required to check the permit for correct data and look for any “restrictions” that may have been noted by the Department of Public Safety. Most restrictions are found in eyesight or need for corrective lenses to be worn while driving.

This past winter has been a challenge with our severe weather. Students definitely learned about the need to slow down, give more space, watch out for the other guy, and that clean, clear roads now might not be that way in another situation. The “teachable moments” in poor weather conditions give us a lot to discuss while completing their six hours of behind the wheel.

#### What’s New??

Our program has been conducting the permit test at Forest Lake Area High School following the completion of the classroom session. This eliminates the need for parents to drive their child to Arden Hills or another exam station in the metro area to take the permit test.



It is very rewarding to see the eagerness and excitement in all ages as they accomplish and complete skills needed to be safe, courteous and aware drivers in our mobile society.

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