

DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

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Dear Form IV Students and Parents,



Once again this year, an outside vendor—the ABC Driving School—will partner with us in our Driver's Education Program. Pingry makes the **classroom portion** of ABC's Driver's Education program available to our students as a service. However, students may use the services of any driver education school or resources provided by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission at <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/index.htm> to obtain a driver's license.

The **ABC Driving School's** Driver's Education Program is designed to teach the principles of defensive, accident-avoidance driving that may prevent death or injury on the highway. Students will be taught that driving is an activity requiring courtesy and consideration of the rights of others, and that the development of good driving skills is the best way to prevent accidents. The cost of ABC Driving School's on-site class is \$200 and will be billed to the student's account.

The classroom portion of Driver's Education is a trimester course offered during all three trimesters. Students may sign up for the classroom portion of Driver's Education during an unscheduled period or during their assigned Fitness Education period. Student schedules will not be adjusted to accommodate the program, and students may not take Driver's Education during their scheduled trimester of Health. Since the Driver's Education course offered on campus is a service and not an academic course, we cannot honor special schedule requests.

If you signed up for Driver's Education during the regular course registration process, it will appear on your schedule. We will accept registration through September 5 for anyone who did not pre-register for this course last spring. **Students should contact Mrs. Peake, our Registrar, at kpeake@pingry.org or at extension 1338 in the Upper School Office as soon as possible to be scheduled for this program.** Trimester I classes will begin on Monday, September 15.

The behind-the-wheel phase of driver education (for students 16 years or older) consists of six hours of individual driving scheduled across several sessions. Behind-the-wheel training is not offered by The Pingry School and should instead be arranged through an independent driving school. The ABC Driving School offers both classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel training. Should you decide to utilize the ABC Driving School, please call Mr. Michael Maharaj at (888) 530-3748 or (917) 993-0789 to learn more about their programs or to schedule off-campus instruction.

Pingry families have also contracted with the **Behind the Wheel Driving School** for on-the-road instruction. Mr. Chris Klinck, the contact at the Behind the Wheel Driving School, can be reached at (908) 508-0100. Please note that Pingry families may utilize the services of any driving school of their choice. Pingry has no affiliation with a particular school for behind-the-wheel instruction.