



Welcome to the Gersh Academy Driver Education Program

We would like your experience to be educational and enjoyable so that you become a smart, safe driver and pass your road test.

First Day: Please arrive on the first day only 20 minutes early to allow for check-in.

Please be aware of the following important information:

Payment: We will **NOT** be taking payment on the first day of class except online. For all tuition payments, please call the Gersh Academy at 631-416-7224.

What to bring to class: **Always** bring your permit to drive. A student will not be allowed to drive if they do not have their physical permit with them. (Not a picture on their phone) Please bring an additional copy of your permit to hand in to the classroom instructor. Bring a notebook and a pen. Do not wear open-toed shoes or sandals of any kind for driving.

Contact and Information: Please join our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/GershDE. On this group page we will let you know about school delays and cancellations and road test information. Please call Gersh Academy for any classroom questions or questions about your account at 631-416-7224.

Bad weather delays and cancellations: We want our students to learn how to drive in as many different weather conditions as we can without compromising student safety. We will have classes if it snows less than 2 inches & there is no ice on the roads. Unless we are expecting a major storm event we do not cancel for rain. If we cancel or delay a driving session, a decision will be made at least 2 hours prior to the start of your class. You can check our Facebook page and website for any postings concerning weather related cancellations. A makeup day will be scheduled. If you cannot make this day, you can follow the information below for all makeups.

Absences: You are allowed no more than 3 missed classes and no more than 2 in a row. **ALL CLASSES MUST BE MADE UP DUE TO STATE REQUIREMENTS! Sports/Extra curricular activities are NOT an excuse. Review all class dates for any that you may need to miss and let the teacher know.**

Lecture Makeups: Lectures can be made up in any class. **Classroom instructors must be given prior notice of any classes to be missed and must also give you confirmation of a class you want to attend for the makeup.**

Driving: You are not allowed to use your cell phones in the car. You will be asked to leave them in the trunk. 75% of your in-car grade is observation. Please pay attention to the instructor even if you're not driving. If you are late for your driving time our drivers will wait 5 minutes before they leave.

Driving Makeups: **Driving instructors must give you a receipt every time you do an extra or makeup driving in the car. You must keep these receipts and bring them on the final day of class.** We ask you to let us know in advance if you're going to be absent so we can schedule your open driving time for someone else. To make up for your driving, you can drive double in your car if someone is out, and we have not scheduled someone to take their place. You can schedule time to drive in a car on another day if we know someone is out. If you know you will be out on a future date, you can drive double in your car if there is a spot open and bank the time. You can also make an appointment when we schedule additional cars for driving time. Please check to see when there are spots available or when we add makeup cars by calling Gersh at **631-416-7224**.

Conduct: All students will conduct themselves in an adult manner. Under no circumstances will a student to be disrespectful towards any other student or teacher. (Classroom or Car) This includes but is not limited to bad or foul language, lude or inappropriate behavior or suggestions. Smoking of any kind including vaping is prohibited. As is drinking alcohol. **Any violation of these rules can result in an immediate drop from the program.** If this happens, there will be no refund and the student will not be allowed back to the Gersh program.

Road Test: Road tests can be scheduled through DMV or a driving school of your choice.

Receiving MV-285 Certificate: **Certificates will be handed out on the last day of class only. If you are not present, pickups will be Monday through Thursday from 10-2 at the Huntington location only.** Lost or misplaced certificates will take 2 weeks to replace and there will be a \$20.00 cash replacement fee.

Once classes start, there will be NO changing of cars. Your assigned times will be the same each week for the entire program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

The address for the Huntington Campus is 21 Sweet Hollow Rd. (West Hills Day Camp)
DROP OFF YOUR CHILD AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY

The address for the West Hempstead Campus is 307 Eagle Ave.
DROP OFF YOUR CHILD AT THE SIDE ENTRANCE TOWARDS BACK PARKING LOT

Below are all the class dates for the Fall 2023 program.

M/W B	T/T B
November	November
13, 15, 20, 27, 29	14, 16, 21, 28, 30
December	December
4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20	5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21
January	January
3, 8, 10, 17, 22	2, 4, 9, 11, 16

If you have any further questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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