

**Murrieta Valley Unified School District**  
**High School Course Outline**  
**April 2011**

**Department:** Life Skills  
**Course Title:** Drivers Education  
**Course Number:** 8000  
**Grade Level:** 9 - 12  
**Length of Course:** One Semester  
**Prerequisite:** None

**UC/CSU (A-G) Requirement:** None

**I. Goals**

The student will:

- A. Gain an understanding of California Vehicle Codes
- B. Demonstrate critical thinking ability
- C. Develop a sense of driver responsibility
- D. Prepare themselves for behind the wheel driver training
- E. Prepare for the Department of Motor Vehicles driver written exam

**II. Outline of Content for Major Areas of Study**

Semester I

- A. Driving is your responsibility
- B. Major causes of accidents
- C. The driver
- D. Natural forces affecting driving
- E. Signs, signals, and highway markings, and highway design features which require understanding for safe operation of motor vehicles
- F. California Vehicle Code rules of the road and other state laws and local motor vehicle laws and ordinances

- G. Differences in characteristics of urban and rural driving including safe use of modern freeways and expressways
- H. Critical vehicle systems and subsystems requiring preventive maintenance
- I. Pedestrian Safety
- J. Effects of alcohol and drugs
- K. Motorcycle safety

### **III. Accountability Determinants**

- A. Chapter tests, practice permit tests, and quizzes

### **IV. Required Text**

*Responsible Driving*. Blacklick, OH: Glencoe/McGraw – Hill, 1997.

### **V. Supplementary Materials**

DMV Driver Handbook  
Videos  
Handouts  
Guest Speakers