

3. **Ready to Begin** In Driver's Ed. class, **Kylen Phillips ('22)** and **Aniya Wilson ('23)** wait for their class to start. Students had to stay after school or enroll over the summer to attend Driver's Ed. classes. "I took Driver's Ed. so I can drive to school. It was really boring, but I also liked it because of the friends I had in there," Wilson said. (D. Davis)

4. **On Your Marks, Get Set, Drive** During Driver's Ed. class, **Oliver Klipsch ('23)** and **Grace Cunningham ('22)** are ready to drive. Since their class took place in the summer, they didn't have to stay long hours after school and could do the course on their own time. "The driving experience was fun and slightly scary. The classwork was kind of boring, but the lectures were worth it when we were driving down the highway, and I think everyone should take the class because if you don't, you can't drive," Klipsch said. (D. Davis)

2. **Take the Class Before You Can Hit the Gas**

In Central's library over the summer, students from all over Davenport listen to a lecture from the Driver's Ed. teacher.

Students had to take the class if they wanted their license before the age of 18. "I took Driver's Ed. to be able to get my license at 16 so I could get to all of my school events,"

said summer Driver's Ed. student **Olivia Deardoff ('22)**. (D. Davis)

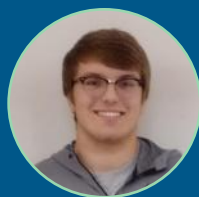


1. **You Got the Keys** In the parking lot, Mr. Jurgena and Mr. Baldry pose with the student driver car during summer Driver's Ed. These teachers taught the class and drove with students who wanted to complete their Driver's Ed. class over the summer. "I took Driver's Ed. so I could drive to school by myself," said summer Driver's Ed. student **Clarissa Balk ('22)**. (D. Davis)



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"I was on a highway once and I was driving next to a semi-truck, and it was kind of drifting, so I drove in front of him and I looked over and he was falling asleep." -Jacob Bender ('20)



"The day before I got my driver's license, I got into a little bit of a fender bender. I thought I was going to get a ticket, but luckily I didn't get one." -Elisabeth Clark Zack ('20)



Madison Barringer



Haley Brown



Royal Wellls



Brynn Davis



Jacob Austin



Megan Tague

## Students discuss advantages of getting driver's license

A memorable time in most teenagers' lives is the moment when they finally get their driver's license. This freedom of being able to get yourself from point A to B also signifies one of the first steps into adulthood. But how did that one little plastic card truly change students' daily routines?

Student drivers saw many benefits to having their license. Being able to drive meant that students had more ability to do what they wanted to do, and it could even be helpful for their family and friends. "I can go wherever I want when I want, and I get to help my parents if they need it. I also get to go to school when I want to and not come early," said **Madison Barringer ('20)**.

Many students felt frustrated always waiting for or relying on other people to drive them around. "What I like about having a car of my own is that you get to go where you want to and that you don't have to wait on other people or rely on other people," said **Haley Brown ('20)**.

Many looked forward to the independence they got when they could finally drive. "I like that

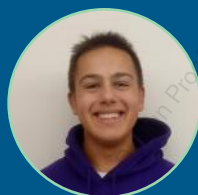
I don't have to depend on anyone anymore, and I don't have to worry if I can be able to go to a school event or not," said **Royal Wells ('20)**.

Many students valued their newfound ability to not have to depend on others for rides. "I like that driving without my parents frees up my schedule, and it helps you be more flexible with your time," said **Brynn Davis ('21)**.

Most students had busy schedules and could now plan their events on their own time. "You get a lot more freedom, and you don't have to have your parents drive you around. You can also hang out with friends," said **Jacob Austin ('21)**.

On the other hand, driving wasn't all fun and games. Bad drivers often irritated students. "You get from place to place. You have to deal with bad drivers, but at least you get to where you want to go," said **Megan Tague ('20)**.

Overall, whether it helped their schedule, gave them more time to hang out with friends or just got them where they needed to be on time, students valued finally earning that important little plastic card. (D. Davis)



"One day I was late to Early Bird, so I was rushing to school. I ended up getting pulled over." -Owen Crowder ('21)



"My first day of Driver's Ed., the car alarm went off and the car wouldn't start - so yeah, I had to skip that driving class." -Samantha McDonald ('22)



"One day after school, I was in the car, and I was going to turn. I squealed the tires and kept turning and ended up in a gas station parking lot." -Emma Kelly ('21)