

# KSCOMS

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# Welcome Back!

We are glad to see you back. First, we would love to start with a quick group share...

- a. How did you feel about having a snow day as a kid?
- b. How do you mentally prepare for a possible snow day as a teacher?



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**With your Hosts: Mandy Smith and Erin Meyer**

# Driver's License

## Info.

In February 2018, KSSB Roundtable presented "KanLovKids Ask the Doctor." Dr. Kendall L. Krug, OD shared information on about the procedure for applying to get a driver's license in the state of Kansas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWIFQ4EcEk0>

Starting at 9:18-19:16

### Medical Advisory Board for DMV

Dr. Krug is on this committee that reviews the applications for the medical and vision restricted driver's licenses in Kansas.

### State grants license, Doctor does not

The doctor reposts the vision and any recommendations. State requires that the applicant to complete a drive test to prove that they can drive.

### Be cautious about what you say to families

This decision is between doctor and family often TSVI and COMS including their reports are not included or referenced in the paperwork

# KS Statute

**8-295. Vision standards for drivers' licenses. Each driver's license examiner shall use the following vision standards for driver's license applicants:**

- (a) Each applicant testing 20/40 or better in at least one eye at the examination station shall meet the vision requirements. The driver's license examiner shall give each applicant failing to meet this test a vision form and refer the applicant to an ophthalmologist or optometrist of the applicant's choice.
- (b) Each applicant who has received a vision report from an ophthalmologist or optometrist shall have 20/60 or better vision in at least one eye, with or without standard corrective lens, as determined by an ophthalmologist or optometrist to be eligible to be issued a driver's license.
- (c) The driver's license examiner shall require each individual with a reading of 20/60 in the better eye, with or without standard corrective lens, to submit to a driver's test.
- (d) An applicant failing to meet any of the above standards may be issued a driver's license if the applicant can demonstrate that the applicant can safely operate a vehicle and has had a good driving record for the previous three years. The division may impose reasonable restrictions on such license, as provided in K.S.A. 8-245, and amendments thereto.

# Driver's Training in

## **KS** KANSAS REHABILITATION DRIVING PROGRAMS

**AVENUES DRIVING/PAM HEALTH REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF OVERLAND PARK** 5100 Indian Creek Parkway Overland Park, KS 66207 Phone # (913) 967-5245 Fax # (913) 499-6349 • Needs script from doctor • Valid Permit or Driver's License • 16 and older • Clinical Evaluation • Behind the Wheel Evaluation • Medically at risk • Adaptive driving

**BREWSTER PLACE** 1205 SW 29th St. Topeka, KS 66611 Phone # (785) 274-3337 Fax # (785) 266-5782 • Needs script from doctor • Valid Permit or Driver's License • 65 and older • Clinical Evaluation • Behind the Wheel Evaluation • Adaptive driving

# Driver's Training in

## Ability KC

<https://abilitykc.org/service/disabled-driver-training-in-kansas-city/#>

### Step 1: Connect With our Driving Admissions Team

Get in touch with the Driving Admissions team at 816-751-7782 or via email at [driving@abilitykc.org](mailto:driving@abilitykc.org). Our adaptive driving program and assessment require several forms and information from your physician. Our admissions coordinator and driving team specialist will work together to guide individuals and families throughout their Ability KC journey. You can also begin the process by using these links: [Driving Program Pre-Admission Questionnaire](#)[Driving Program Prescription Form](#)

# Self-Driving Vehicles

## When will self-driving cars be available?

- **2030:** Some say self-driving technology won't be widely available until around 2030.
- **2040 or later:** Some say driverless technology won't be ready for widespread use until 2040 or later.
- **2035:** Some predict that fully self-driving cars won't be available until 2035.

## What's the current status of self-driving cars?

- As of early 2024, there are no fully self-driving cars available to buy.
- Some companies, like Waymo, are offering robotaxi services in cities across the country.
- ABI Research predicts that by 2030, 69.3% of all new passenger vehicles will have some level of driving automation.

# Waymo

## Self-Driving Ride Hailing Service

**What:** world's first autonomous ride-hailing service

**When:** 2017 Early Rider Program

**Where:** started in Phoenix, now in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Austin, coming to Atlanta and Miami

**Technology:** view 360 degrees using 29 cameras

**Website:**

<https://waymo.com/waymo-drive/r/>



## Mapping out every intersection, sign, and signal

Before Waymo begins operating in a new area, they first map the territory with incredible detail, from lane markers to stop signs to curbs and crosswalks. Then, instead of relying solely on external data such as GPS which can lose signal strength, the Waymo Driver uses these highly detailed custom maps, matched with real-time sensor data and artificial intelligence (AI) to determine its exact road location at all times.



# Progress

# Notes

How do you write up progress notes or determine new goals when student has demonstrated regression and is overly loved in their school and home settings?

# Recruiting

## COMS

limited awareness that COMS is a profession.

What are our COMS elevator pitches to share with someone interested?

When and where can we find opportunities to educate the community about what we do?

# Recruiting

## COMS

AER's Professional Personnel Recruitment Committee (PPRC) is proud to announce the release of the long-awaited recruitment video: "Visual Impairment Professions."

The 5-minute **PBS Spotlight On** video started airing **nationwide** between regular programming on September 30, 2024. It is expected to reach 3 million viewers in just the first 3 months. It will continue to air for a minimum of one year.

The links to access this video with and without audio description are:

- 1) Without audio description <https://youtu.be/I90UJSONGU8?si=TudKgaZCDr7o18Zy>
- 2) With audio description <https://youtu.be/mGscr-DO0Eg?si=n-WTukQYOV3tCTjI>

Please use the video and spread the word. Everyone needs to help bring new people into our field!

The website in the video ([Vision Professions \(aerbvi.org\)](http://aerbvi.org) ) links to information on TSVI, CVRT, COMS, CLVT, and CATIS. This site also will soon contain the recruitment flyers & business cards for the vision professions.

# Vision Symposium

## Session Ideas

The Vision Symposium Committee is looking for presenter suggestions.

If you have some you have ideas that you would like to share please let us know or contact Pam Arbeiter.  
[parbeiter@kssdb.org](mailto:parbeiter@kssdb.org)

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**School is out for  
SUMMER**

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**11th  
May 9th**

**Be My Eyes with  
Hans Jørgen Wiberg**

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**April**