

Drivers education enrollment set for February 13th

The Drivers Education Course for the 2012 school year will begin Monday, May 21st at Eureka Junior Senior High School. The student must be 14 years of age to participate. It will run Monday through Friday for approximately three weeks depending on the amount of driving time the student needs. Classroom and driving times will be announced at a later date. Times will depend on the number of students who enroll. Times will be somewhere between 7:30am and 5:30pm Monday thru Friday. If needed weekends may be used for make-up classroom and driving. The fee is \$100.00.

Students must turn in their enrollment slips and pay fees by March 9th. Enrollment forms will be passed out at the enrollment meeting on February 13th during seminar period or you can find them on the website. **Students may not turn in an enrollment form until after the enrollment meeting on February 13th. Only the first thirty-six students to enroll will be accepted.** There will be a meeting for the students who are enrolled and have paid their fees (or made arrangements for a payment plan with Mr. Howard), for Drivers Education for the summer of 2012 on March 13th during seventh hour and seminar period. The student needs to bring an empty 1 inch three ring binder (which will be used for drivers education class only) and a pencil and pen. If the student has a permit or license please bring it also. All students enrolled need to be present. If the student cannot be present please contact me so other arrangements can be made.

Refunds are as follows: if canceling by the first day of class or driving, which ever comes first, you may receive a full refund except for the \$2 fee for the permit. If canceling by day five of class or driving, which ever comes first, you will receive 1/2 of your payment as a refund, after the fifth day there will be no refund.

Your son or daughter will bring home from this meeting the following items which you may want to discuss with them. I am also placing them, along with other Drivers Education information, on the website under the red button.

1. Tentative classroom schedule - includes homework that is due the first day of class
2. Syllabus/Rules sheet
3. Licensing guidelines for parent

Students are encouraged to get a learners or instructional permit as soon as they turn 14 years of age. As of January 1, 2010, students must have this permit for one year to receive his/her restricted license. Students are encouraged to practice with their parents before and during the class session to increase the chances that he/she will pass this course. It is very difficult to pass Drivers Education with no driving experience. You can obtain this at the

closest Department of Vehicles (Eureka doesn't have this service). I encourage you to call before you make the trip to see what days and hours they are open and what you will be required to have with you. The student will have to take a written and vision test. He/She will have to provide their original birth certificate or a certified copy, proof of social security number and address, parent signature and pay a fee. Before he or she can get a restricted license the student has to have an instructional/learners permit or farmers permit for one year, be fifteen years of age, accumulate 25 hours of driving time and have passed Drivers Education.

Drivers Education is performance based. This is state policy. Each student will be required to pass each exam by a certain percentage. If he/she does not pass on the first try he/she will have the opportunity to take a second and third version (if needed) of the exam in an attempt to pass it with that percentage. **If the student does not pass the exam on the third try he/she will not be able to continue in this class.**

Due to the fact that this course is very compact the student is only allowed two absences and still remain in the course so please try to consider this when scheduling vacations and camps. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school, the phone number is 583-7428 or email ppitko@389ks.org. A copy of this letter and more information about the new drivers licenses and restrictions can be found on the school website www.usd389.net within the red Drivers Education button to the right.

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