

Dear Parent,

The Drivers Education Course for the 2024 school year will begin **Thursday, May 16th** at Eureka Junior Senior High School. The student must be 14 years of age to participate. The classroom section will run Monday through Friday for approximately three weeks with a few exceptions. The student will be assigned a driving section that will be somewhere between May 20th and June 14th. 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 Sunday (weekends may be used during the driving section, for make-up exams and class if needed). The tuition fee is \$125.00. **There is an opportunity for grant money to cover tuition if you have a financial need. Please contact Mrs. Pitko ppitko@eurekausd389.net for further information.**

Students must turn in their enrollment slips and pay fees by February 26th. Enrollment forms will be passed out at the enrollment meeting on January 24th during eighth hour or you can find them on the website. **Students may not turn in an enrollment form until after the enrollment meeting on January 24th. 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 have scheduled a payment plan with Mrs. Lowe), for Drivers Education for the summer of 2024 on March 5th at 10:30am. There will also be a student/parent meeting on the same date at 6:30pm. **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, whichever comes first, you may receive a full refund except for the \$4 fee for the permit. If canceling by day five of class or driving, whichever 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 these hand-outs, along with other Drivers Education information, on the website.

1. Tentative classroom schedule - **includes homework that is due at midnight prior to 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 or 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. Be aware if you have attempted and failed the exam four times in a six-month time period you can't take Drivers Education for six months. 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 with an eighty percent (80%). 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 or she will not be able to continue with 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. Please keep in mind that the tests are easier to pass if the student is in class to hear the lecture rather than absent. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school, the phone number is 583-7428 or email ppitko@eurekausd389.net. 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.

Mrs. Pitko
Drivers Education Instructor