

Hermiston School District's Driver and Traffic Safety Education Program

Dear Student and Parent,

Welcome to the Hermiston School District's Driver and Traffic Safety Education Program. To be effective, this will not be the "Easy School of Driving." Your success will require discipline, a willingness to learn new things and perhaps change old habits, and your time. Our program would be incomplete without your active participation, and your collective desire to learn. We highly value the time that you'll devote to this task and believe that without that commitment, our efforts will be greatly diminished. We want to thank you for your willingness to learn and maintain safe habits that are designed to produce exceptional drivers who are able to freely choose to drive crash and ticket free for an entire lifetime.

Attendance is mandatory. The Oregon Department of Transportation - Transportation Safety Division will authorize a certificate of completion only to those individuals who successfully complete the minimum **30 hours of classroom instruction and 12 hours of in-car training** (6-hours of driving and 12-hours of supervised observation). Therefore, students must attend a full 30 hours of classroom and 12 hours of in-car sessions. In addition, students must earn a passing score of 80% on classroom exams, demonstrate mastery of safe driving skills and behaviors in the car, exhibit a positive attitude at all times, and demonstrate the ability to be present and on time for every class and in-car lesson. Any individual who does not successfully complete these stated requirements will not receive a certificate of completion.

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Parents/Mentors: Guided practice behind the wheel is essential for habit development to occur. Oregon Administrative Rule 737-015-0030 5(d) **requires that you provide a minimum of 7 hours of supervised home practice** for your teen prior to the completion of this course. It further requires that **practice be documented, in the form of a log or other means, demonstrating to the provider** that the requirement has been met. You must submit your practice record prior to receiving a certificate of completion.

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The Department of Motor Vehicles requires new teen drivers who complete a driver education course to have at least 50 hours of supervised practice before they are eligible to apply for a Provisional License. The Oregon Parent Guide to Teen Driving includes a driving log to keep track of the time you spend practicing. It also contains information and tips you'll find helpful as you guide your teen through this program.

The Oregon Attorney General has recently revised the reimbursement rules for Traffic Safety Education providers. As a result, Approved Providers will not receive state reimbursement for a student who obtains their license prior to course completion. Any student who registers for this course and obtains their license prior to completing the course (both classroom and behind-the-wheel) will be assessed an additional \$210. This fee must be paid before a course completion certificate will be issued.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Please review your calendar to ensure there are no conflicts with drive times. If a student has a conflict with an appointed drive time, the student must contact the instructor or the coordinator. This needs to be done no later than the night before the drive, since the instructor may have several drives each day and cannot be reached on short notice. All drives must be completed within 45 days of the end of the classroom sessions. If an instructor has a conflict with an appointed Behind-the-Wheel session, the instructor will contact the student(s) involved. If an instructor has inconveniently changed several drives, please contact Steve Anderson to arrange for a change of instructor as necessary.

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IN-CAR EXPECTATIONS:

1. No food or beverages at any time
2. The driver-training car should be as clean when you leave it as it was when you arrived
3. Class begins promptly at scheduled time
4. Absences must be pre-excused

The student must bring a valid driving permit to all behind-the-wheel sessions. A student will not be allowed to drive and will be considered absent if his/her permit is not available. Students must wear appropriate clothing and shoes to class. No sandals, flip-flops, or heels are allowed in the car. We suggest students wear comfortable, securely fitted shoes. Appropriate corrective lenses are required and sunglasses are highly recommended.

DRIVER EDUCATION VEHICLES WILL NOT WAIT MORE THAN 5 MINUTES PAST THE APPOINTED TIME FOR TARDY STUDENTS. If a student misses the car, he/she will be considered absent.

BEHIND-THE-WHEEL MAKE-UP:

If the student has missed a behind-the-wheel session (not pre-excused!), arrangements can be made for a make-up session. The fee is \$25 for each make-up session, payable at the time of the lesson.

DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO PREVENTION PROGRAM The possession, selling and/or use of illegal and harmful drugs, alcohol and tobacco is strictly prohibited. This includes substance abuse and drug paraphernalia. This prohibition applies during the regular school day and/or at any district-related activity, regardless of time or location and while being transported on district-provided transportation. Student in violation of the district’s drug, alcohol and tobacco policy will be subject to disciplinary action and referral to law enforcement officials, as appropriate, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Since drug, alcohol and tobacco use is illegal for students and interferes with both effective learning and the healthy development of students, the district has a fundamental and ethical obligation to prevent drug, alcohol and tobacco use and to maintain a drug-free educational environment. For more information, refer to Board Policy IGAEB. Any student who, by the determination of the Driver’s Education instructor, is under the influence of intoxicants will be dismissed from class or the drive and be referred to the appropriate school officials for disciplinary action as stated above.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

If there are any specific questions about the program, call Steve Anderson Driver Program Coordinator at 541-561-4317. Please take the time to discuss the above policies. Make sure everyone understands the commitment you are making in this program, particularly the time commitment. Please sign below and return this form to your classroom instructor at the next class meeting.

Parent signature

Date

Student signature

Date