

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

During Science classes Tuesday, January 30 and Wednesday, January 31, I will be starting the Hays High Drivers Education enrollment process with the 8th grade students at Hays Middle School. If your son or daughter plans on taking Drivers Education this summer through Hays High School, they should fill out the necessary forms and return them to Hays Middle School to Mr. Rupp with the necessary \$100 deposit. I will also conduct a follow-up meeting at Hays High in March as mentioned below. If the student already has an instructional permit or farm permit, please have them bring that to school when I pre-enroll them to fill that information out on the necessary forms.

Thursday, March 8, 2018, I will conduct the Drivers Ed. informational meeting for all students interested in taking Drivers Ed. through Hays High School this summer, as well as their parents or guardians. I must have the student and at least one parent or guardian in attendance at this meeting. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. for all Hays Middle School and HHS students. This meeting will be held in the HHS cafeteria.

If your child did not pre-enroll they will need to fill out an application for a drivers education permit and the drivers education class enrollment form at this meeting, as well as pay the required \$100 deposit. If your child already has an instructional permit, I will need the license # and expiration date. Last year the fee was \$250, but the fees have not been set yet for the summer of 2018. Checks need to be made payable to Hays USD 489. I would ask that you have the fee paid in full prior to the first day of your child's Drivers Ed session. No completion slip for Drivers Ed. will be issued until the fee is paid in full. There may be scholarship money available. Applications will be available at the meetings and also in each school's office. Scholarships will be based on individual requests and needs with free/reduced lunch students getting first priority.

During this meeting I will cover summer school schedules, procedures, policies, and current laws that may affect your child's driving privileges. I would also like to suggest that you take your child to get a learner's permit to begin driving with you if they are 14 or older if you have not yet done so. They must have this for 12 months, have 25 hours of supervised driving logged, and successfully complete Drivers Ed. in order to obtain a restricted license. **There is no restricted license without successfully completing Drivers Ed.** A student that does not have a restricted license remains on a learner's permit, which is only good for one year. At this time, if they have not met the qualifications for a restricted license, they may apply for another learner's permit. A learner's permit allows them to drive only with a parent or guardian in the seat next to them. **I would strongly suggest that you get your child's learners permit right when they turn 14 and begin driving in safe, open areas, such as unoccupied large parking lots, with them. This helps them tremendously with passing the Drivers' Education program.**

Please take a look @ your child's summer schedule so you can decide the best Drivers Ed. time to sign up for. When deciding on sessions, keep in mind other camps, jobs, and anything else your child may be involved in. This year's sessions are May 21-June 1, 2018, June 4-15, 2018, June 18-June 29, 2018, and July 9-20, 2018. This meeting is very important and **the student as well as at least one parent or guardian really needs to be there. The Drivers Ed permit application requires the student signature.** However, if for some reason you cannot make this meeting, call me and I will try to explain what you missed. I will also leave some forms at each school in the main office.

I appreciate your attendance. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at Hays Middle School, 623-2450 or email me @ brupp@usd489.com

Sincerely, Bruce Rupp
USD 489 Drivers Education Coordinator