

ARLEE HIGH SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Arlee High School Traffic Safety Education Program meets all standards required by the Montana Office of Public Instruction and is CDTTP certified by the State of Montana Motor Vehicle Division. This course is a partnership between those entities as well as the student, parent/legal guardians and instructor. The instructor will use best practices to teach the student how to become a safe driver while the responsibility of upholding laws and practicing safe driving techniques will reside with the parent and ultimately on the student.

In order for our students to successfully complete the Traffic Safety Education program, the following guidelines will be adhered to:

1. FEES: Payable to the District office prior to acceptance to this class. In order to establish a priority for students taking the class, the criterion will be that the oldest students with paid fees by due date, will be given preference. Notification will be sent to those who have been accepted

2. CLASSROOM:

Attendance: It is required by law that each student completes a minimum of 42 classroom hours. Therefore each student must attend all classes in order to complete the program. If a student missed one class those hours will need to be made up with the instructor and an additional project will be assigned.

Failure to make up the assigned time and project AND/OR a second miss will result in a non-successful attempt at this class with NO refund.

NOTE: Excessive tardiness will be considered an absence. Tardiness of ten (10) minutes or more will be considered an absence for that class.

Instruction: Each student must successfully complete all required work for the classroom. This will include worksheets, films, quizzes, tests, projects, activities, and KEYS assignments with parents, etc. Course work must be 82% or higher. This is in line with the requirements of the Montana Department of Justice. Assignments are due as assigned and are linear with work in the car. Therefore in order to have safety as our number one concern, **NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. (Extenuating circumstances may occur but must meet instructor's approval.)**

Required Testing:

1. Department of Motor Vehicle Test; Traffic Education Learner's License (TELL Permit)

The student will be given the written driving test once with me. If the student passes, they will be issued a TELL permit and is only valid for one year. If he/she fails, he/she will have to take the test in Missoula at the exam office and **obtain a TELL permit within 3 weeks. Failure to obtain this permit will result in not passing this class.**

2. Classroom Final: This will be given on the last class.

3. BEHIND THE WHEEL:

Attendance: By law each student must complete a minimum of 6 hours behind the wheel lessons and in our class a minimum of 12 hours of observation. All driving lessons must be attended on the date assigned. A missed drive will result in not passing this class and no refund will be granted. Please note: Unless there is mechanical issues, drives will be on time as scheduled and we will leave immediately.

Pick Up: Due to the tight schedule of drives between groups, it is a requirement that your student be picked up at the dismissal times.

Instruction: In order to complete the driving lessons, the student will have to demonstrate the ability to

drive an automobile at the level indicated for each lesson. A student will progress to the next lesson only after successfully completing the previous lesson. If they cannot progress competently through all of the lessons by the end of the class, they will not successfully pass this class and will receive no refund will be granted.

Testing:

If a student does not have a TELL Permit and/or an 82% for the classroom portion they will not be given the DMV Drive Test and will result in a non-successful attempt at this class with no refund granted.

If a student has obtained their TELL Permit and has an 82% for the classroom portion they will be given their DMV Drive Test on their final drive. Keep in mind that even if they pass this DMV Drive Test there will be 10% of the group retested to insure that the instructor is correctly instructing the students. This is a random selection done by the DMV office. The instructor reserves the right to not waive a DMV Drive Test. If by chance the student does not pass the DMV Drive Test with the instructor the student will still pass the class, but need additional time to practice before retesting once they upgrade before the expiration of the TELL permit.

4. BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Driver and Parent: Driving is a privilege not a Right. It is against the law for your student with a TELL to drive without an instructor or a parent/legal guardian. Parent participation using the Practice Driving Log and KEYS assignments are critical to the success of making your child a safe driver.

Driver and Instructor: Driving is a privilege not a Right. Responsible and mature behavior is an absolute requirement of the class. If a student displays disruptive behavior or unlawful behavior it is assumed the student is not mature enough to be given the responsibility of operating a motor vehicle. Disruptive behavior is defined as, but not limited to, the following: constantly talking instead of studying, interrupting others trying to work, failing to respect the teacher's instructions, becoming belligerent when reprimanded or disregard for the laws while operating a motor vehicle. Parents will be notified if there is disruptive behavior that is disruptive or disrespectful. Disruptive and disrespectful students may not successfully pass this class and no refund will be granted. Severe situations shall result in dismissal from class with no refund granted.

Parent/Legal Guardian: The TELL permit is to allow the student to drive with you their LEGAL guardian. NO ONE ELSE! It is necessary to drive, and practice with your Teen Driver as specified with the Graduate Driver's License (GDL) and assist with assignments for this course. Be aware that once you sign the Montana Driver License Application you are assuming full responsibility for this driver until they turn 18 years of age. You do have the legal right to cancel this driver's license until their 18th birthday.

Implied Consent: Once you have signed the Montana Driver License Application you are giving implied consent to drug and alcohol testing.

If the student does not meet all the above requirements in a successful manner, he/she will not pass this Traffic Safety Education course. Failure to complete the course WILL NOT result in a refund of fees. My signature below certifies that I understand the guideline of the course.

Parent _____ Student _____ Date _____