

**SIDNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRAFFIC EDUCATION
SUMMER 2023**

Sidney Public Schools will be offering a traffic education program for the spring/summer of 2023. This summer's program will be limited to **20** students, will take place from March 27 through the June 24, and is limited to students who will be participating in fall sports. Classroom and Driving will take place throughout the months of April, May and June. I have enclosed a calendar for you to look at. Please be sure that your child will be able to make the class times listed in order to reach the 42 hours necessary to meet the State requirements.

Alternate work will be provided for students who will miss due to spring sports activities as long as they notify me in advance as **weather often changes spring dates**. **Students are responsible for talking to coaching staff to arrange to be in class**. Driving times vary so hopefully everyone will be able to meet the driving requirement.

This is the first summer class offering since 2015 and will not be a yearly option. It is being offered because we were only able to get five 8th grade students into the spring session and this is a larger grade 8 class with 102 students.

Each student will attend 42 hours of classroom instruction and 6.5-7 hours of actual driving along with 12 hours of in-car observation time. **These times are not flexible and are necessary to meet state requirements**. Because of the length of the classroom sessions (3-4 hours) and the in-car sessions (2 lessons each = 2 hours) **it is important for your son/daughter to attend every day** **classroom and driving times are scheduled**. **Absences for missing a driving time will result in a \$15 fee to the instructor to pay for his additional time to make up the drives**.

A mandatory parent meeting will also take place on the night of **March 27th at 5:30 SHS cafeteria**. You will receive information about this program, classroom guidelines, information on the CDTP program, health and permission forms (which must be filled out prior to the first drive). The application for license, which must be filled out in **black ink** and will be due by the time your son/daughter takes the state-required written test on April 7th. The meeting will last approximately 30-60 minutes.

The cost of the summer program will be \$300.00 and full payment will be due by April 7th. Please remember that three unexcused absence will result in the removal of your son/daughter from the summer program. If they are removed from the program, they can re-enroll in the fall program and if you have already paid the \$300.00, you will not be required to pay the fee a second time.

Letters have been given to the 20 high school students/oldest middle school athletes who participate in fall sports. **The deadline for returning the application to the administration office is 8:00 a.m. on March 22nd**. You may scan and email to tbarnhart@sidneyps.com. **Mr. Barnhart will be the instructor for the class**.

If you have any questions concerning this program please contact Mr. Thom Barnhart, Traffic Education Instructor. He may be contacted at the high school 406-433-5649 or by e-mail at tbarnhart@sidneyps.com

Payment for the program may be completed with Maria Neff at the Administration Office, 101 S. Central Ave.

PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR SON/DAUGHTER BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND SOCIAL SECURITY CARD. COPIES WORK TO START THE CLASS BUT CERTIFIED COPIES WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE EXAM STATION TO CONVERT TO LEVEL 1 LICENSE.

I WILL BE TESTING VISION IN THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASS AND IF A STUDENT FAILS THE SCREENING, THEY WILL NEED TO BE APPROVED BY AN EYE DOCTOR PRIOR TO ANY DRIVING.