

CONTRACT OF GUIDELINES FOR FORSYTH DRIVER'S EDUCATION

The Forsyth High School Traffic Safety Education Program is a course that places responsibility on the student. As a driver on the Highway Transportation System, one must accept many responsibilities. We believe this is one way we can help you to become ready for driving. Gaining a driver's license at 15 yrs. old is not required but a privilege.

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

1. **ATTENDANCE:** Each student must attend classes in order to complete the program according to school and state policy. The state has strict requirements on the number of hours the student must attend traffic education class (42 hrs). A student is allowed 1-3 excused absences (total 3 hours) depending on class length. The student will be responsible for a make-up assignment for the class missed, along with any work he/she missed. Any hours missed over the 3 hour limit, results in the student failing traffic safety class based on state law. Unexcused absences will result in immediate dismissal with no refund.
2. **ON-STREET:** Each student is required to attend all traffic lessons when assigned. In order to complete the traffic lessons, the student will have to demonstrate the ability to drive an automobile at the level indicated for each lesson (6hrs driving & 12 hrs observation). Failure to be present for a scheduled drive will result in dismissal from the class with loss of credit unless prior notification has occurred and you have been switched with another student. (Extracurricular absences will need to be scheduled in advance so driving groups can be switched during that week.) The instructor has to have a minimum of 2 students in the car to perform a driving lesson. If only one student shows for the drive, it will have to be rescheduled. It is important not to let your driving group down with a no show.
3. **CLASSROOM:** Each student must successfully complete all required work for the classroom. This will include worksheets, film notes, book quizzes, tests, etc. All work will be completed by the assigned date; a late assignment results in a zero. The weekly parent/student homework will be due every Friday.
4. **CDTP-(COOPERATIVE DRIVER TESTING PROGRAM)**—The instructor has special certification from the Department of Justice Motor Vehicle Division to administer the written Montana state permit test in the classroom up to two times where the student must earn an 82% on the exam. If the student needs an additional test it will be done at the Driver's Exam Station. The instructor can also waive the final behind the wheel drive at the Driver's Exam Station based on a final drive test score higher than 80% in class. A student who is passing the traffic safety class with a grade lower than an 80% will not be waived at the exam office for the driving portion of the license. Even if the instructor waives the student for both the written and driving portion, the driver examiner is required by the state to randomly test 1% of the students on the class list for a retest of driving skills.
5. **FEES:** The course fee is \$150 in district and \$175 for out of district. Fees may be paid at the parent meeting or broken into two payment—1/2 on September 12th and 1/2 on October 1st. **Forms must be returned to Mrs. Grogan by the first day of class on September 19th.**
6. **BEHAVIOR:** Responsible and mature behavior is an ABSOLUTE requirement of the class. For that reason, if a student displays behavior such as constantly talking instead of studying, interrupting others trying to work, failing to respect the teacher's instructions, or becoming belligerent when reprimanded, we have to assume that the student is not yet mature enough to be given the responsibility to operate a motor vehicle. Therefore, please be advised that such behavior will be handled in the following manner:
 - ** First Offense- conference with student and parent notified
 - ** Second offense- Dismissal from class with no refund.
 - ** Participation in any illegal activity will result in IMMEDIATE dismissal from class.

If the student does not meet all the above requirements in a successful manner, he/she will receive a failing grade for Traffic Safety Education. **Failure to complete the course WILL NOT result in a refund of fees, the student will lose the TELL license to drive with the parent and the student cannot apply for a license until 16 years old.**

---My signature below certifies that I understand the guidelines of the course.

Parent _____ Student _____ Date _____