

September 7, 2021

To: Parents of Incoming Driver's Education Students
Re: Drivers Education
From: Jon Jacobs

Classroom instruction is taking place during the school day as part of your child's 9th grade curriculum. The class will be taught twice during the 2021-2022 school year with the oldest students scheduled to take the class 1st quarter and the remaining students taking the class 2nd quarter. Behind the Wheel will be scheduled with Mr. Jacobs or Mrs. Hagen once your child has completed his/her classroom instruction at McGregor High School **AND** passed their written permit test.

The fee for Driver's Education will be \$325 for your child. This fee must be paid prior to your child receiving his/her blue card. Please contact me if you would like to set up a payment plan. Please make checks payable to ISD #4/Community Education, we can also set up an online credit/debit card payment. Please complete the form below and have your child return it to class.

Again this fall, the Parent-Teen Driving Class will be offered on Wednesday, September 22nd at 6 pm in the Health Classroom (room 114). This class outlines the graduated licensing system and provides tips and advice for helping to teach your child to drive. Please join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Jon Jacobs at 218-768-5158 or Rebecca Hagen at 218-768-5188.

MCGREGOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION
PO Box 160, McGregor, MN 55760
Driver's Education Registration

Student's Name (First Middle Last) _____

Address _____

Birthdate _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Parent Signature _____

Teen Drivers: The Parent's Role

Wednesday, September 22nd from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Health Classroom (Rm 114), Jon Jacobs & Becky Hagen, Instructors

THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO ALL DRIVERS AND PARENTS

Do you know what the REAL risks are for teen drivers? Do you know what restrictions are in place for new teen drivers? Do you have a contract in place with your teen, outlining your expectations when they get behind the wheel?

Learn about all this and more in our parent-teen class, an essential part of our driver's ed classroom training.

Why? Experts on young driver behavior agree that effective parent involvement makes a difference in reducing young driver crashes. This class will help you understand the big influence you can have in helping your teen become a safer driver and will give you the tools to do so.

The class will:

1. Increase your awareness of the most common risks for teen drivers (it may not be what you think) and Minnesota's teen driver laws.
2. Increase your understanding of the strong influence you have on your teen's driving behavior.
3. Provide information and tools you can use to help support your teen in driving safely.
- 4. Provide information and answer questions regarding the many changes to the Graduated Driver's License laws.**

The bottom line: the more you know about teen driving risks and laws and helpful ways to talk about them with your teen the more you can help your child become a safer driver. For example, a study by The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia shows that teens who said their parents set clear rules, paid attention to where they were going and whom they were with, and did so in a supportive way were:

- half as likely to crash,
- twice as likely to wear seat belts,
- 71 percent less likely to drive while intoxicated,
- 30 percent less likely to use a cell phone while driving, when compared to teens who said their parents were less involved.

We look forward to seeing you and your teen at the class, and working together to make him or her as well-trained and safe as possible behind the wheel.

Registration is preferred, but not required. Email: jjacobs@isd4.org or call 218.768.5158
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