

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Thursday, February 16, 2012, I will conduct the Drivers Ed. enrollment 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. The meeting will be at 6:30p.m. for all Felten, HHS and Kennedy students. This meeting will be held in the HHS lecture hall.

You will need to bring an ink pen with you to fill out an application for a drivers education permit. Also the student's driver's license number and expiration date if they already have an Instructional permit. You will need to pay a \$100 deposit at this meeting, but you can choose to pay the whole \$300 fee at this time. Checks need to be made payable to HHS. I will collect and receipt these at the meeting. I would ask that you have the fee paid in full before the conclusion of your child's Drivers Ed session. No completion slip for Drivers Ed. will be issued until the fee is paid in full. There will be some scholarship money available. Applications will be placed in each school's office if money becomes available. Scholarships will be based on individual requests and needs with free/reduced lunch students getting first priority.

At 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.**

Bring your child's summer schedule with you 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 21-31-2012 and June 4-13-2012. 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 Felten, 623-2450.

Sincerely, Bruce Rupp
USD 489 Drivers Education Coordinator