

Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you for your interest in the 2021 Mitchell School District Driver's Education (DE) Program. The purpose of this program is to instill safe and knowledgeable driving skills in our community's young drivers. In order to successfully complete DE in South Dakota, students will need to complete a 30 hour classroom course and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. Successful completion will allow a student to receive a driver's permit without taking the written or driving test at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). It can also lead to insurance discounts for your student. For more information, please refer to the South Dakota Driver's Manual, which can be found at:

<https://dps.sd.gov/application/files/1616/0743/9851/sd-driver-manual-2020.pdf>

Your child is eligible to take DE if he or she turns 14 by the end of 2021.

Classroom time will be spent studying good driving habits. In addition to standard DE curriculum, student will take an in depth look at the SD Drivers Manual. Classroom guest speakers will include local insurance experts to talk about insurance costs and ways students can keep those costs down for their families, City of Mitchell Police to talk about common mistakes young drivers make within the city and things that young drivers can do to be safe, and SD highway patrol officers to talk about safe driving habits on our highways.

Driving time will be spent practicing good driving habits. Students will be provided with a skills report at the end of their experience that highlights strengths and weaknesses in their driving skills and suggests things that they can do to become safer drivers.

In order to be eligible to register for DE, you must fill out a pre-registration form. This form can be found below and turned into the HS or MS office or be filled out electronically by following the link

<https://goo.gl/forms/CLkgSrJxab9nMRIJ3>. You can also be sent the link by emailing me at Patrick.moller@k12.sd.us.

Upon completion of this form you will be eligible to register. Registration will be done online and payment will be made to the HS office upon completion of the registration. The link to register will be sent on March 16 at 8:00 am via the email address you supply when you pre-register. Spots for classes will be available until filled on a first come, first served basis. Student parents will be contacted for driving times by the driving instructor over the summer. Students will be scheduled to drive by age, oldest to youngest. Upon registration, you will have 2 business days to pay at the HS office before your spot will be released. The cost for DE is \$275.00. Checks should be payable to Mitchell School District.

Registration will be closed once all spots have been filled or on June 7th, whichever is earlier.

The primary goals of the MHS Driver's Education program are to encourage driving safety and promote good driving habits of our young drivers. Thank you for considering this program for your new driver. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone at 770-7474 or by email at Patrick.moller@k12.sd.us.

Sincerely,

Pat Moller- MHS Driver's Ed Coordinator

Mitchell High School 2021 Driver's Education

Pre-Registration Form: *this can also be submitted online at <https://qoo.gl/forms/CLkqSrJxab9nMRiJ3>*

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____
(As it would appear on his/her driver's license)

Age _____ Grade _____ Student Cell Phone Number _____

Medical Conditions or Concerns? _____

Guardian Name _____

Guardian Phone # _____ E-mail _____

(cut off and return the completed form above to the MS or HS office or go to link above by March 14th, 2021)

Below you will find the tentatively scheduled times for classroom instruction. Students must attend one of the Classroom Instruction sessions and 6 hours of driving sessions. Use this as your guide when registering your child for Driver's Education on March 16th. Time slots are available until full. Please contact Pat Moller at Patrick.moller@k12.sd.us or by phone at 605-770-7474 with any further questions.

Classroom Instruction Times

Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D
Middle School Room 228	Middle School Room 228	MCTEA Room 112	MCTEA Room 112
3:30-6:00 April 20-May 8 (28) (Monday-Thursday)	6:00-8:30 April 20-May 8 (28) (Monday-Thursday)	8:00-11:00 June 1--June 12 (28) (Monday-Friday)	11:00-2:00 June 1--June 12 (28) (Monday-Friday)

Driving times will be scheduled by the driving instructor. Instructors will contact parents to schedule the times. Students will be scheduled based on their age, from oldest to youngest.