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Snake River School District has voluntarily opted to offer a Drivers Education Program and will follow the State guidelines in administering it. Any student, eighteen (18) years old or younger, applying for a driver's license or an instruction permit must provide written verification from the district to the Idaho Department of Transportation that he or she is currently enrolled in school and meets the district's attendance requirements. A student must pass the eighth grade in order to take Driver Education in the Snake River School District. Laws pertaining to driving privileges and school attendance will be adhered to. Every effort will be made to inform all interested students within the school district of the availability of this program. Instructors will meet State drivers education teaching qualifications.

Students will be required to meet all eligibility standards for Drivers Education Program as set by the State of Idaho.

Out-of-district students may attend Snake River driver education classes if the following criteria is met:

1. Space is available; preference will be give to Snake River students.
2. Applicant meets all eligibility requirements and can obtain an instruction permit.
3. Students have written parental consent.
4. The applicant will pay the current district fee.
5. The applicant has not failed, withdrawn, or been denied enrollment in another district's program because of discipline problems.
6. The district is made aware before hand if the student has special needs.
7. Written permission from the district office is given.

The district is not obligated to take out-of-district applicants and at its discretion can turn down requests.

Reference: Policy 8112, "Attendance - Driving Privileges"
Procedure 8112p, "Attendance - Driving Privileges"
Policy 8660, "Student Vehicles"
Procedure: 6454p, "Drivers Education"

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<p>A. Initiating a Drivers Education Program By May 15 of each year, an Annual Program Plan (DE-194.A) for the drivers education program must be submitted to the State. This is necessary for planning and financial projections. This DOES NOT authorize the district to initiate a driver education program. This report estimates the number of students and requires information on instructors, so that they might be approved for instructor permits. Any changes or additions must be submitted for approval 30 days prior to the start of the class. Written approval to teach driver education along with instructor permits must be received by the district prior to starting a class. (IDAPA 08.02.06.100.02a)</p> <p>B. Parental Involvement The parents will be notified that the school will be starting a driver education program well in advance (six to eight weeks). A letter will be sent out informing the patrons of such classes being offered and the local newspaper may also be used to announce that classes will be offered for those students who are not regularly enrolled in school but are eligible. After students successfully complete the drivers education course and obtain a license, they must continue to drive with a parent or other adult (over 21) who has a valid driving license for a period of four months. Every student/parent will be provided with a practice guide and drive log suitable for use during the four-month practice period.</p> <p>C. Driver Education Vehicles Prior to beginning a class, the driver education vehicle will be inspected by a law enforcement officer or mechanic for safety features. (Idaho Code 49-427 and 49-1232). The vehicle will be maintained in good operating condition by the district mechanic. No vehicle will be used unless it is in good operating condition.</p> <p>D. Insurance/Accident Reports/Proof of Completion for Insurance Purposes The school district will carry the minimum insurance required by the law on the vehicles. (Idaho Code 6-924) Proof of insurance will be carried in the driver education cars. Accident reports (SDE 1194.E) will be filed with the State within two weeks. There will be no reimbursement for damages not reported on accident form.</p> <p>Many insurance companies require proof that a student has completed a certified driver education class in order to receive lower insurance rates. A certificate of completion signed by the instructor and the superintendent will be made for each student receiving a passing grade.</p> <p>E. Student Eligibility/Instructor Qualifications/Class Size and Instructional Requirements The district will follow the guidelines as outlined in the State Driver and Traffic Safety Education Administrative Manual for student eligibility, class size and instructional requirements. Instructor Authorization Forms must be submitted by May 15 each year. Instructors will have a current Idaho teaching certificate with a drivers education endorsement and will be required to complete 15 hours of professional development every two years. In-Car instructors are required to complete a physical each year. Medicals are an allowable expense on the "Claim for Reimbursement" which can be prorated over two years.</p> <p>F. Grades There are three (3) areas that a student will be graded on: classroom work; behind-the-wheel; and attitude. To pass drivers education, a student must have at least an 80% average in knowledge, skill, and attitude assessment. A student who fails in any one of the three grading criteria shall be failed for the entire course. (IDAPA 08.02.06.100.13a) Because specific curriculum, classroom hours, and behind-the-wheel time must be met, the instructor will adhere to State regulations regarding make-up classes.</p> <p>Good attitude: No person will engage in conduct which is offensive to the ordinary dignity, decency, and morality of others. Also, any student driving any motor vehicle on a public roadway or right-of-way while enrolled in a driver education program without a valid driver's license shall be failed for having exhibited poor attitude. (IDAPA 08.02.06.100.13b) Students may drive two, three, or four wheel vehicles on public roadways while participating in driver education classes, as long as they pertain to agricultural work and the vehicles are not required to be registered.</p> <p>____ Withdrawals: If a student withdraws from driver education, it is the instructor's responsibility to determine whether or not it is for a valid reason. Guidelines are set and will be fairly, but firmly adhered to when making the decision. (See Manual)</p> <p>G. Student Fees/State Reimbursement Students fees charged by the district are set by the board of trustees. This income will be reported to the State. The State will reimburse the district up to \$125 per student. Requests for reimbursement claims will be sent to the State no later than 45 days after completion of a class.</p>	
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