

BOZEMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS Policy 2163

INSTRUCTION

Traffic Education

Bozeman School District #7 is a state-approved traffic education program and follows the Traffic Education Standards/Requirements/Procedures for High School Driver Education Programs, published by the State of Montana, Health Enhancement and Safety Division, Traffic Education Unit, Office of Public Instruction.

Students fifteen (15) years old or older, or who will reach their fifteenth (15th) birthday within six (6) months of the course completion, are eligible to enroll in a traffic education program. Students are scheduled by age, with the oldest student having first priority. The traffic education program forms the foundation for safe, prudent driving behaviors. The traffic education program is designed to meet the criteria established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. These criteria include requirements for instructional time, for instructor certification, recommendations for course of study and reimbursement procedures. The policies and procedures under which the traffic education program operates underscore the weighty responsibility the District assumes in the offering of this program and provides a level of accountability to the state and its citizenry.

Student contact time for instruction and drive time shall be a minimum of that required by State Law. Attendance at all classes is expected though up to two (2) class absences will be allowed with appropriate classwork made up. A third classroom absence will result in an "Unsuccessful" completion of the class. No absences are allowed for the in-car drives/observations or the last two days of class in each session.

Legal Reference:

20-7-502, MCA Duties of superintendent of public instruction

20-7-503, MCA District establishment of traffic education program

20-7-507, MCA District traffic education fund 0.13.307, ARM Program Requirements

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Program Information:

Traffic education information distributed to each parent at each application meeting and to each parent who comes to the Adult and Community Education office. The information is addressed verbally at each application meeting and posted on the traffic education website, www.bsd7.org/students_parents/traffic_education.

Enrollment:

1. The student's full legal name as appears on birth certificate is required on the application.
2. All applications accepted. Priority is given to students who reside in School District 7 geographic boundary.
3. Students must re-apply for a new session of Traffic Ed if they were unsuccessful getting into a class in a prior application process.
4. Class lists are determined by date of birth, i.e., older students have priority.
5. Parents/guardians of students who are accepted into a class will receive a letter, sent to address listed on application form, with class details, i.e., location, teachers, payment schedule, etc.
6. Once the program fee is paid, there are no refunds, credits, or makeups.

Attendance:

1. Student and parents/guardians should consider family/student schedules: sports, vacations, jobs, etc. since attendance in the Traffic Ed class is mandatory.
2. Attendance at all classes is expected, though up to two (2) class absences will be allowed with appropriate classwork made up. A third classroom absence will result in an "unsuccessful" completion of the class. No absences are allowed for the in-car drives/observations or the last two days of class in each session.
3. Driving is conducted on some Saturdays.

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