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Viborg-Hurley School District 60-6

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January 13, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Driver education will be offered at Viborg-Hurley High School during the Spring of 2026. Students are eligible to take driver's education if they turn 14 within six months of the completion of the course, as the certificate issued for successful completion is valid for one year and will include the 180-day learner's permit period before students receive their restricted permit. Students will attend 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of supervised driving. Individual driving times will be scheduled with the instructor during the days of classroom instruction and will take place during the summer months.

Classroom:

- Friday, March 6 (8:00 am – 1:00 pm)
- Friday, March 13 (8:00 am – 1:00 pm)
- Friday, March 27 (8:00 am – 1:00 pm)
- Friday, April 17 (8:00 am – 1:00 pm)
- Friday, May 8 (8:00 am – 1:00 pm)
- Friday, May 15 (8:00 am – 1:00 pm)
- Makeup Dates (May 22, 27, 28)

- Students bring a pen/pencil
- Students will complete required textbook readings before starting the classroom sessions
- Classroom instruction will take place at the High School in Viborg— (Room TBD)
- Students can gain access to the school through the front doors
- 2026 Instructor: Mr. Maxwell Whitehead

Program:

- The cost of the 2026 Driver's Education program is $275 for students in the Viborg-Hurley School District. The cost for out-of-district students is $ 350.
- A student must successfully complete both the End-of-Course Exam and the Driving Test to pass the Driver's Education Program. No partial completion certificate will be given.
- Students who fail the End-of-Course Exam are still able to drive the 6 hours with the instructor. The driving time will be scored but not counted toward program completion.
- The Driver's Education Program requires students to attend 30 hours of classroom instruction. A student will be given a warning for behavior issues in the classroom. If a student's behavior continues to be an issue, after a warning has been given, the student may be dismissed from the class. We will have a place for cell phones to limit distractions.
- In the event a student is dismissed from the classroom, they will no longer receive credit for the classroom portion of the program.

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- Students who successfully complete both the classroom and the driving portions of the class will be given/mailed certification papers. Students must successfully complete both portions of the class to receive certification. No certification is given for partial completion. If you have questions about this program, please contact Mr. Mellem (Brett.Mellem@k12.sd.us)

To enroll your child/ren, please complete the attached form and submit it, along with your payment

No later than February 1, 2026

Viborg-Hurley School District
Attn: Mr. Brett Mellem
P.O. Box 397
Viborg, SD 57070

2026 Spring Drivers Education Registration

Students' Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
Address: _____
_____

Telephone: _____ Alternate:_____

E-mail Address: _____
Emergency Contact: _____
Telephone: _____

The undersigned participant and his/her parent or legal guardian hereby release the Viborg-Hurley School District and contracted driver's education instructors from all liability, loss, damage, costs, claims, and/or causes of action, including but not limited to all bodily injuries and property damage arising out of participation in any driving program. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify the Viborg-Hurley School District and contracted driver education instructors and hold them harmless for any liability, loss, damage, cost, claim, judgment, or settlement that may be brought or entered against them as a result of the undersigned's participation in any driving program. This indemnification shall include attorney's fees incurred in negotiating any settlement. It is understood and agreed that the undersigned shall have the opportunity to consent to any such settlement, provided, however, that such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

_____ _____
Signature of Participant Date

_____ _____
Signature of Parent Date