

E-PC Safe Operation of Tractors and Machinery **July 9-12, 2018**



Plum City and Elmwood Schools will jointly offer a “Safe Operation of Tractors and Machinery” class from 8 am – 2:30 pm during July 9-12th. Participating youth who will work for an employer **other than parent/guardian must be 14 years of age or older.** Those who will **work only for a parent/guardian, need to be at least 12 years** of age on the first day class. These six-hour segments over four days are designed to fulfill federal and state instructional requirements needed to receive a certificate of training. Topics include equipment operation, hazard identification, accident avoidance, as well as emergency and first-response discussions. Participants receive limited driving experience and we highly recommend students practice with an adult at home.

The Fair Labor Standards Act states, “persons under the age of 16 cannot be employed for driving a tractor other than by a parent or person standing in place of parents”. However, youth ages 14 and 15 are exempt from this restriction **if** they have been certified in Safe Operation of Tractors and Machinery. Also, Wisconsin Act 455 prohibits **any** child (including farm children) less than 16 years old to operate/drive a farm tractor or self-propelled implement on the highway unless they satisfactorily complete supervised instruction. To receive a certificate of training, youth must attend 24 hours of approved instruction, display a safe attitude during the course, earn at least 70% on a written exam and pass a driver’s test.

Classes will be held in **Plum City on July 9 & 10** and then move to **Elmwood on July 11 & 12.** Students are expected to bring their own lunch. Please complete the registration form below and return it by Friday, May 4th with a check for \$20 made payable to Elmwood Schools to cover costs of text/materials. Contact us at (715) 639-2711x6238/pickerignj@elmwood.k12.wi.us or (715) 647-2591/gsnyder@plumcity.k12.wi.us with any questions or concerns.

Jeff Pickerign and Geoffrey Snyder, Agriscience Teachers

Student’s Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

My child has permission to participate in the E-PC Tractor Safety Program. I understand risks inherent with training youth to operate farm machinery and release the school, instructor, and machinery providers from liability related to injury resulting from participation in the course.

Parent’s Signature: _____

