

Dear Educator,

We need you to help us recruit **Sign Warriors!**

Signs provide important visual cues to drivers. Even the most attentive driver can encounter dangerous situations if signs are damaged or missing. We must **RESPECT** our signs. That's why the local road agencies in your area are working with the N.D. Local Technical Assistance Program on a sign protection awareness program in schools across the state.



The program features a "Sign Warrior" cartoon superhero. The Sign Warrior's motto, "SAVE OUR SIGNS!" encourages **4th grade students** to be alert to the four major dangers to North Dakota road signs: shooting, stealing, graffiti, and other damage. These activities do not RESPECT our signs. The program features a drawing contest so that young artists can help us illustrate the dangers and the efforts of the Sign Warrior to protect the state's signs.

Guidelines

- Drawings should be on letter-size paper (11 X 8 ½)
- Drawn in landscape orientation (wider than they are tall)
- Drawn in bold and vibrant colors for quality reproduction
 - o Previous years calendars can be viewed online at www.ndltap.org/programs/signwarrior.php.
- No guns or excessive violence in drawings
- On the back of the drawing, in PENCIL, include:
 - o student's name,
 - o teacher's name, teacher's email,
 - o school and school address.
- **Drawings (do not fold) must be submitted to NDLTAP, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND, 58505, by no later than Friday, February 24, 2023.**
 - o Alternatively: Drawings may be scanned or digitally photographed at a resolution of at least 300 dpi and emailed to ndltap@ugpti.org.

NDLTAP will choose 17 drawings to feature on a 2023-2024 Sign Warrior calendar to be distributed across the state. The calendars and the outstanding featured drawings will help draw attention to the dangers and costs of sign damage across North Dakota. The calendar will also show that we should all respect signs and their uses. Students submitting winning drawings will receive an official Sign Warrior certificate and 10 copies of the calendar.

We will follow up with additional information about the calendar project after the Christmas break and provide a brief training video about the project.

We hope that you will use this activity in your classroom to create a new generation of Sign Warriors!

Best regards,
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