

Driver Education Program Instructors:



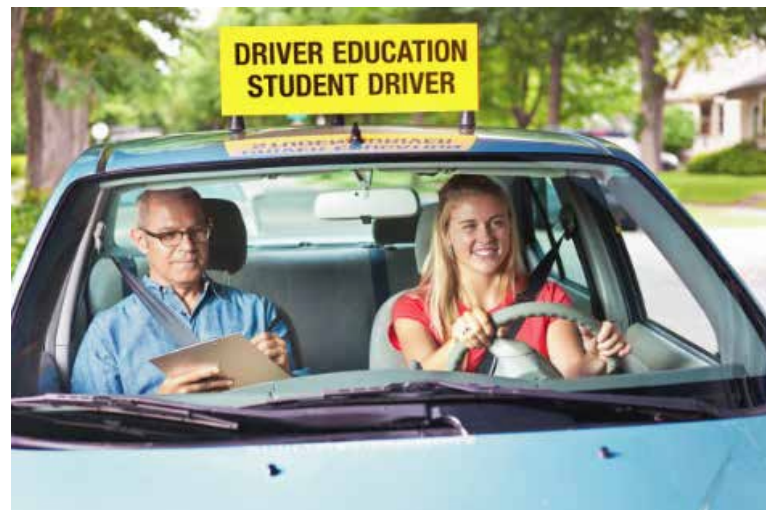
FACT SHEET

Have you heard about...

Driver education courses should be a significant part of every teen's learning-to-drive experience. These formal programs exist throughout the country, and generally mirror States' specific driving requirements, which ensures novice drivers are being taught information relevant to their State's requirements. Data shows that without structured classroom time and direction, teen drivers face greater risks behind the wheel.

As a driver education professional, we at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) know how difficult it may be to communicate the importance of driver education to your communities. Ultimately, we want the public to recognize that informed, competent, and safe teen drivers ultimately reduce the risk of crashes, injuries, and fatalities on our nation's roadways. It is for this reason that we developed the Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards (NTDETAS) to assist States in strengthening their driver education programs and ensuring educators are teaching the highest quality material. Driver education is an integral component of a comprehensive Graduated Driver Licensing system. We encourage you to use these valuable resources—or components of it—within your driver education program.

We also encourage you to review the following statistics to learn more about the correlation between a comprehensive driver education program and safe teen driving habits.



Driver Education Program Facts and Figures*

- Teen drivers who have not completed driver's education are 75 percent more likely to get a traffic ticket.
- Teen drivers who have not completed driver's education are 24 percent more likely to be involved in a fatal or injurious crash.
- Teen drivers who have not completed driver's education are 16 percent more likely to have a crash.
- Ten percent of students who took driver's education were ticketed for moving traffic violations, compared to 18 percent of those who did not take driver's education.
- Teens taking driver's education are less likely to be involved in crashes or receive tickets during their first two years of driving.

For more information on the driver education and training national standards, please visit: nhtsa.gov/teachdriversed.

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