

Traffic Education & MT DRIVE

The Traffic Education programs carry out the state laws and rules governing state-approved driver education on behalf of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.





Traffic Education instructors are in high demand!

- In 2019, Montana had 340 state-approved, actively teaching traffic education teachers. In 2021, that number dropped to 300.
- Some school districts are not able to offer the course due to the lack of traffic educators.
- In 2020, 125 school districts offered traffic education and 7,382 students completed the course. This number was down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The average is 8,500-9,000 teens completing a driver education course during a school year.
- About 12,000 Montana teens are eligible to take driver education each year. To be eligible, they must be at least 14.5 and less than 19 years old by the course completion date.





CDTP – Cooperative Driver Testing Program



The Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP) is a partnership between the OPI Traffic Education Program and the Department of Justice (61-5-110, MCA).

CDTP authorizes 300 trained and certified OPI driver education instructors to administer the written test for a learner's license and to conduct the driving skills test on behalf of the DOJ Motor Vehicle Division, thereby reducing costs for both the DOJ and families with new drivers.

Recently the written and/or road tests were waived for 8,127 young drivers who started supervised practice driving and did not have to re-take the tests at driver license stations. MVD driver examiners retest 10 percent of the road test-waived students for quality and consistency.

CDTP REFRESHER ONLINE SELF-PACED COURSE



For CDTP-Certified Traffic Education Instructors

TEEN DRIVER CURRICULUM

http://opi.mt.gov/Curriculum

DOWNLOAD CURRICULUM MODULES

■ The curriculum modules have moved here! Visit the <u>Digital</u>
<u>Assets page</u> to quickly and easily download Module presentations, fact sheets and work sheets, quizzes and pre-tests, and associated content.

ADMINISTRATION

- MT Traffic Education Curriculum Guide
- Curriculum Modules List
- Classroom and BTW lessons Scope and Sequence
- Behind-the-Wheel Instruction Guide 2017 Includes a section on evaluating teen drivers' performance and progress.
- MT Traffic Education Standards and Requirements for School Districts
- MT Standards for Literacy, Tech and Traffic Education

RESEARCH & RESOURCES

- Montana Seat Belt Law handout
- Traffic Education Student Research Topics
- Effect of Passengers on Teen Driver Behavior- NHTSA
- Crash Log and Media Report
- Car Crash Parent Letter Activity
- <u>Driver Ed Classroom Activities -</u>
 <u>Idaho</u>
- BTW Activities Idaho
- IIHS in the Classroom. Explore free educational resources to help you learn or teach about the science of car crashes. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS).

INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS

- Intersection Safety for Motorists, Bicyclists and Pedestrians
- Visit the new <u>OPI Traffic Education</u> <u>YouTube</u> channel! All videos that appear in curriculum modules are now in Playlists on YouTube. Videos with audio will be closed captioned.
- Understanding Car Crashes: It's <u>Basic Physics!</u> Teacher's Guide for Grades 5-12, Griff Iones, Ph.D.
- Understanding Car Crashes: When Physics Meets Biology, Teacher's Guide for Grades 5-12, by Griff Jones, Ph.D.

*Anyone may download files from OPI website. Tests are excluded from the online curriculum:)

Traffic Education Resources

PARENTS/TEENS

- NEW: Driver Education FAQs
- KEYS Teen Driver Rating Form
- KEYS Parent Teen Agreement
- KEYS Parent Teen Homework
- Accommodating Students with Disabilities in Driver Education
- My Car Does What Safety Features
 Videos, Graphics & more
- Impact Teen Drivers
- Montana Students and Driving Behaviors - 2021 reports from the Youth Risk Behavioral Survey

GDL - GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING LAW

- GDL Factsheet and Driving Log
- Getting Your MT GDL Restricted <u>License</u> - A guide for parents when their teen has completed their 6month GDL practice period.
- Montana Driver Manual 2018
- <u>DriveltHOME National Safety</u>
 <u>Council</u>
- Teen Driver Source Practice Guide
- Ten Years of Montana GDL
- Graph: Montana Teen Driver Crashes since GDL - 2008-2017

DISTRACTIONS

- Map of Montana Cities, Counties and Reservations with Bans on Use of Handheld Phones while Driving
- <u>Distracted: Eyes off the Road</u> (<u>Montana PBS Video</u>)
- AT&T It Can Wait Texting & Driving
- Red Thumb Reminder
- Stop the Texts. Stop the Wrecks
- CDC Distracted Driving
- CDC Drowsy Driving

SEAT BELTS

- Montana Seat Belt Law
- Seat Belt Survey Form
- Observational Seat Belt Survey Form
- Buckle Up Montana MDT
- YRBS Seat Belt Graph- 2011 to 2021
- #BuckleUpBlue4Lauryn on Facebook

CROSSING GUARDS

- Crossing Guard Tip Sheet
- Montana School Crossing Guard Training PPT
- Montana Crossing Guard Training Rules
- SRTS Crossing Guard Guidelines

SHARING THE ROAD

- Bike Walk Montana
- Journeys from Home Montana
- Intersection Safety Videos -Missoula
- Motorcycle Safety
- Bicycle Safety Videos Pennsylvania
- Bicycle Safety Illinois
- Safe Routes to School
- Motor Carriers of Montana -Resources for truck drivers as well as excellent information on sharing the road with semi-trucks.

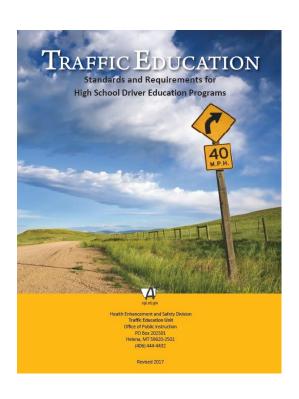
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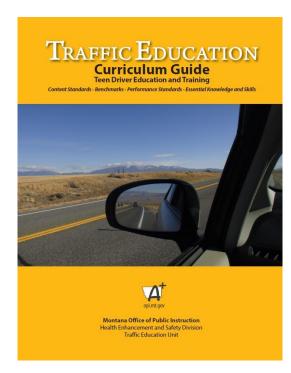
- Montana Teen Driver Safety Day
- GEMS Data Warehouse Traffic
 Education Dashboard
- OPI-Youth Risk Behavior Study 2021 - Teen Driver Behaviors
- OPI YRBS data comparison of teens with and without driver education
- OPI-YRBS County Maps Vehicle-Related Behaviors 2019
- DOJ/MVD Driver Services
- MDT Vision Zero
- MDT Flashing Yellow Arrows
- MDT Using a Roundabout

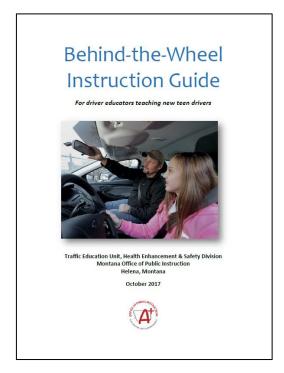
SCHOOLS WITH DRIVER EDUCATION WEBSITES

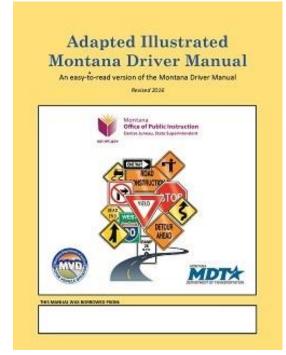
- Billings 406.281.5074
- Bozeman 406.522.6013
- Butte 406.533.2890
- Great Falls 406.268.6082
- Helena 406.324.2123
- Kalispell 406.751.3983
- Missoula 406.728.2400 x7048

Preferred Traffic Education Resources









Traffic Education Meeting And Handouts

Is your teen ready for a solo license?

Plan ahead to apply for the GDL Restricted License

Find your **Driver License** Station ON THE INTERNET:

ON THE PHONE: A NUMBER & WAIT IN LINE Make your appointment EARLY to get the day and time you want.

Visit the Appointment Scheduling site at: https://doimt.gov/driving/appointments/

Select Testing "Driver Ed" and then one of three

- choices depending on your situation:
- Driver Ed Written Test teen does not have a learner license and needs to take the written test.
- . Driver Ed Road Test teen wasn't waived on road test in driver education and needs the driving test.
- Driver Ed Waived teen was waived on all tests during driver education (but might get chosen at random to take the road test again)

You will need to sign a GDL Parent/Legal Guardian Certification that your teen has completed at least six months and 50 hours of supervised practice behind the wheel (10 hours at night) and has no alcohol, drug or traffic violations.

At the Driver License Station ...

Arrive on time! Teens who take driver education and pass the road test might be one of the 10% selected randomly to take the test again.

- ☐ CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE (not a copy) ☐ SOCIAL SECURITY CARD (not a copy)
- ☐ Cancelled piece of MAIL showing your name and Montana residence address (not a PO Box) □ Eveglasses, if you need them.
- ☐ Parent/legal guardian to SIGN CONSENT

□ Driving practice LOG showing hours driven

Driver License Stations require TWO forms of identification. The list of additional documents which are accepted at Driver License Stations can be

Contact OPI's Traffic Education program for information on the Graduated Licensina Law and other family resources to encourage safe teen driving skills and habits: http://opi.mt.gov/DriverEd





GDL: Graduated Driver Licensing in Montana

GDL RESTRICTED

WHEN: Teens may apply to drive

completion of Step 1, with parents

HOW LONG: One year or when

driver reaches age 18.

a seat belt.

CONDITIONS: Seat belt use

Curfew from 11 pm to 5 am:

night driving is not allowed

Darkness increases crash risk , so

between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.,

unless travel is for school, church

Limit passengers: For the first six

work, or farm-related activities.

months may have only one

months may have up to three

passengers. Others allowed if

licensed adult driver.

passengers are family members or

STEP 2

LEARNER

WHEN: Starts with the Learner approved driver education program no earlier than age 14% or with a guardian certification of 50 hours of Learner License without driver education at age 16 or older.

Teens with a Learner License can parent/guardian or licensed adult authorized by the parent/guardian.

The parent/guardian who signed the driver license application is legally liable for any damages or the teen driver is behind the wheel.

HOW LONG: One year Supervised driving is for a minimum of six months and 50 hours - 10 hours must be at night. Practice in varied weather, traffic, and road conditions.

CONDITIONS: Seat belts use

required: each occupant must wear a seat belt. The driver must remain alcohol/drug offenses.

Penalties-GDL Law Violations

First Offense - Not less than 20 hours or more than 60 hours of

For more GDL information and resources, visit www.opi.mt.gov or call the Traffic Education Office at (406) 444-4432.

FULL PRIVILEGE DRIVER LICENSE

WHEN: Upon successful completion

supervised driving practice, and no LICENSING (GDI) law IMCA 61.5 132 traffic violations and alcohol/drug

their driving skills. Teens still get to required; each occupant must wear restrictions on night driving and

> risk in darkness and each teen Safety research is clear that newly

> Learning to drive is a complex, porsibility and thousands of mile skill, and judgment. Just like with abilities grow through experience

After teens have their full privileg license, parents should continue to

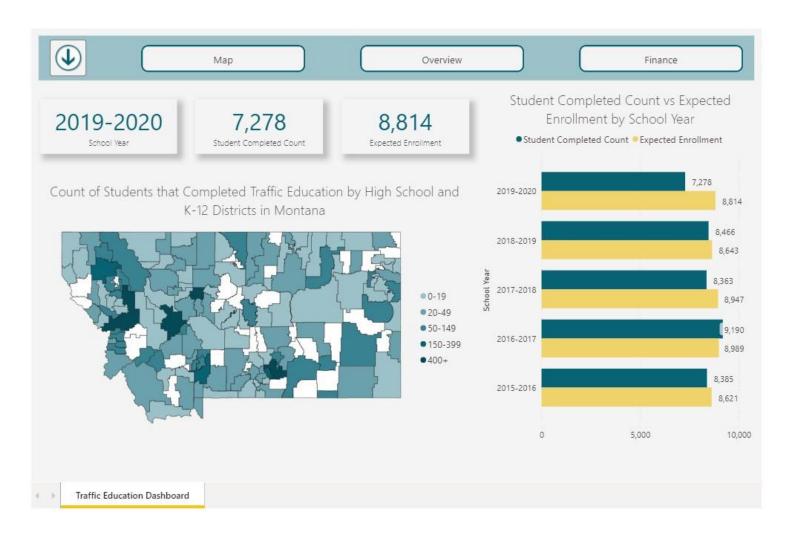
PRACTICE DRIVING LOG

Use this log to track your teen's 50 hours of practice driving fincluding 10 hours at night) **OR** consider using a mobile application log, such as <u>RoadReady</u>. Vis TeenDriverSource.org for helpful resources, guides and a driving log.

This Driving Log belongs to:

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TRAFFIC EDUCATION DATA





http://gems.opi.mt.gov

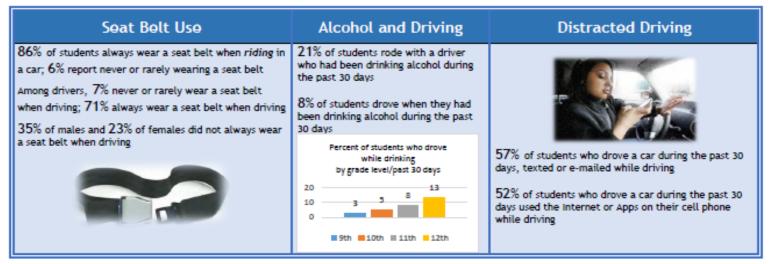


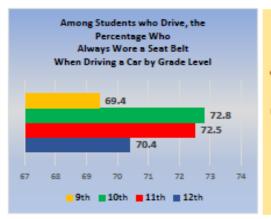
YRBS: Youth Risk Behavior Survey

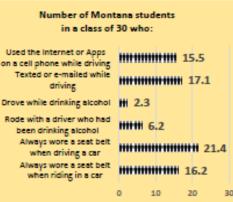
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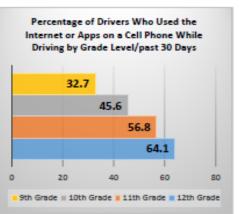
Montana Students and Driving Behaviors

2021 Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey Montana Office of Public Instruction, Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent











Always wore a seat belt when riding in a car



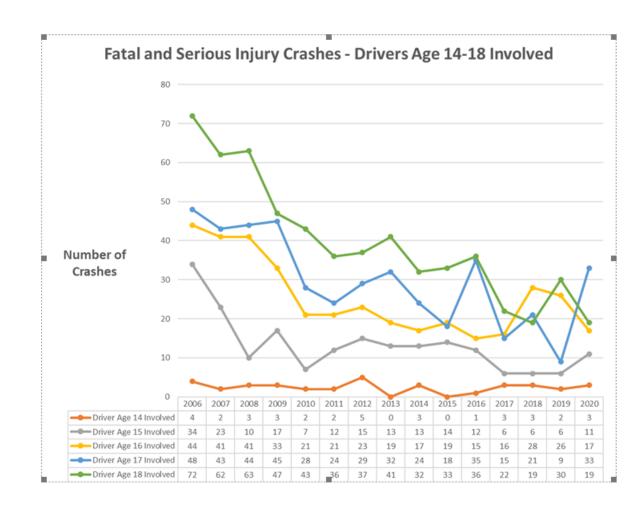
GDL: Graduated Driver Licensing

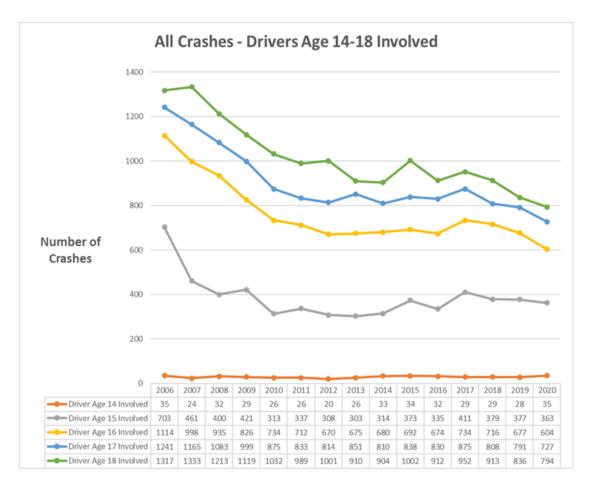
- Enacted by the Montana State Legislature in 2005; in effect in 2006. All 50 states have a GDL program.
- Provides a phased-in, gradual development of driving skill with supervision, toward greater responsibility and independence.
- Requires drivers under age 18 with a learner license to drive with adult supervision.
- Step 1: Must log at least 50 hours of driving, 10 at night, for a minimum of six months.
- Step 2: Restricted License (must be 15 years old) Valid for one year or until age 18. Passenger and curfew restrictions.



GDL: Graduated Driver Licensing

GDL makes a positive difference!





Traffic Education Events

- Montana Teen Driver Safety Day, every third Tuesday in October.
- Montana Traffic Education Spring Conference, Montana Traffic Education Association – MTEAOnline.org
- Montana DRIVE One-Day Summer Workshops



Montana Teen Driver Safety Day

Third Tuesday in October (MCA 1-1-229)





Verification of Completion



DWIGHT NELSON

Has successfully completed nine (9) hours of training in Driver Risk Management at the Montana DRIVE Facility, Lewistown, Montana

Workshop Date:

06/07/2021



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OPI's MONTANA DRIVE PROGRAM

- Montana DRIVE one-day summer workshops on track in Lewistown since 1979.
- Drivers practice vehicle control skills behind-the-wheel with professional instructors to keep their vehicle in balance and respond safely to driving risks.
- State Farm insurance grants support Montana DRIVE teen scholarships in July.















MONTANA DRIVE WORKSHOPS

http://montanadrive.mt.gov

- All types of drivers attend the summer workshops: school bus drivers; ambulance and fire truck drivers; state, federal and municipal employees; heavy truck and transit bus drivers; driver ed teachers, individuals, and teens (Teen Week in July).
- More than 16,000 drivers have taken the workshop since 1979.
- Teachers can earn one college credit from MSUN when they take the workshop, stay an extra day to student teach, and write a paper.







Thank you!

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