

Oregon Approved Driver Education

Does It Make a
Difference?



OREGON-AAA Foundation/NHTSA Study

According to a 2016 Study by the two groups listed above, taking Driver's Education was associated with a 4.3% decrease in the likelihood of a traffic collision among 16-20 year-olds and a 39.3% decrease in the likelihood of convictions for traffic violations.




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Large-Scale Evaluation of Driver Education
Review of the Literature on Driver Education Evaluation
2010 Update

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Teens have the highest crash rate of any group in the United States.

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Declining Fatal or Injury Crash Rates

Crash rates among 16-19 year-olds have steadily decreased since 1998 with a slight uptick since 2009-2012. On the whole, collision rates since 1998 are down 58.5% among 16 year-olds, 47.8% among 17 year-olds, and 24.5% among 18-19 year-olds.

Wait! Driver's Ed Still Makes a Difference

Since data became available in 2014, it has been shown that teens that have taken Driver's Education are about 10x less likely to be involved in a traffic collision than those who have not taken a class.

2014-2016	With DRVED	W/o DRVED	
16	733	2120	2869
17	748	3696	4461
18	411	5321	5750
19	100	5502	5621
20	14	4603	4637
Totals	2006	21242	23248
Percentage	8.63%	91.37%	100%

Education is the best provision for old age. - Aristotle

Although the number of teen-involved traffic incidents are on an upward trend across the board, incidents involving teenagers that have taken an ODOT-approved DE course are going up at a much slower rate. By taking a class, you are helping to insure your future.



Our Goal



Our goal is to have you develop safe driving habits now. Your driving habits, decisions, and behaviors not only have long-lasting effects on you, the driver, and your passengers, but can also have long-lasting effects on other motorists. It is necessary to remember that on the road, you not only have responsibility for yourself and your passengers, but also to other motorists on the road.

The decisions you make today will affect your tomorrow.

ODOT Requirements

- Must complete the course before their 18th birthday
- May not obtain a driver license before the completion of the course
- At least 30 hours of classroom instruction
- Six hours of Behind-the-Wheel time with the instructor
- Six hours of observation time with the instructor
- May not complete program in less than 35 days
- Parent/ Guardian must attend a mandatory 1.5 hour course
- Parent/Guardian must certify at least five hours of Behind-the-Wheel practice with the student between the first class and the last Behind-the-Wheel instruction class
- 80% must be achieved on tests and activities



Added Benefits of Driver's Training

Successful completion of a Driver Education Course allows the beginning driver to:

- Waive the DMV Drive Test
- Counts as 50 hours of driving experience
- Insurance Premiums will likely be lower



Where to Find an ODOT-Approved Course

- <https://www.whyclivewithed.com/approved-driver-education-providers-oregon.php>

Links for Oregon Teens Low/No Income Subsidy Program

- <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Safety/Documents/LowNoIncomeSubsidy.pdf>
- https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Safety/Documents/FR_Documentation_Form.pdf