

Statewide Summary of Montana's 2019-20 Traffic Education Programs*

(From the period of July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

- 182 public high school districts were **eligible** to offer a traffic education program.
- 125 high school districts **offered** a state-approved traffic education program.
- 12,338 public and private high school students were **eligible** to enroll in traffic education.
- 7,382 students **completed** traffic education (includes 104 students enrolled in private schools).

WHEN OFFERED

- 32 districts offered the program **before school hours**.
- 31 districts offered the program during **regular school hours**.
- 54 districts offered the program **after school hours**.
- 89 districts offered the program in the **summer**.

PROGRAM FEES

- 119 high school districts charged a **fee**. The mode fee was **\$200.00**.
The **minimum** fee was **\$50.00**. The **maximum** fee was **\$600.00**.
- 10 districts **plan to increase the fee** charged students for the upcoming school year and summer.

PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

- 125 Districts screened students' **vision** with an eye exam before behind-the-wheel instruction.
- 125 Districts emphasized and required the use of **seat belts**.
- 125 Districts required a **Parent Meeting** to review schedule, requirements and parent role in Graduated Driver Licensing.
- 125 Districts offered traffic education for **students with disabilities**.
- 55 Districts **granted credit** for successful completion of traffic education.
- 63 Districts offered **pedestrian** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
- 74 Districts offered **school bus rider** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
- 60 Districts offered **bicycle** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
- 116 Districts taught an instructional unit on sharing the road with **motorcycles**.
- 125 Districts taught an instructional unit on the effects of **alcohol/drug** and encouraged students not to drive impaired.
- 124 Districts used the Office of Public Instruction (**OPI**) **Web site** to obtain traffic education information.
- 123 Districts used Montana's current Traffic Education **Curriculum Guide** for its high school program.
- 76 Districts employed a traffic and safety education **coordinator and/or supervisor**.
- 33 Districts offered traffic education for **adult** beginners.
- 124 Districts participated in the **Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP)**.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND RATES OF PAY

- 58 **full-time** traffic education teachers were employed.
- 208 **part-time** traffic education teachers were employed.
- \$20.00 per hour is the **minimum** rate paid.
- \$47.52 per hour is the **maximum** rate paid.
- \$25.00 per hour is the **mode** minimum rate paid.
- \$25.00 per hour is the **mode** maximum rate paid.

VEHICLES

- 233 **vehicles** were used in the program.
- 9 districts obtained their vehicles on a **free loan** basis.
- 2 districts obtained their vehicles on a **daily fee** basis.
- 17 districts obtained their vehicles on a **lease** or **rent** basis.
- 106 districts **owned** their vehicles.
- 0 districts used **other** means to obtain vehicles.

CRASHES

- 5 traffic **crashes** occurred involving a student driver while in the traffic education vehicle.
- 0 persons were **killed**.
- 0 persons were **injured**.
- \$32,735.85 **property damage** costs incurred.

COST PER PUPIL

- \$464.64 is the **average** per pupil cost. (District costs were partially offset by state reimbursement amounting to **\$113.36** per pupil).

* This information was compiled from the 2019-20 Traffic Education Year-end Reports completed by all high school districts conducting state-approved traffic education programs during the summer of 2019 and the school year 2019-20. If you have questions, please call the Traffic Education Office at (406) 444-4432 or e-mail pborneman@mt.gov.

