



Statewide Summary of Montana's 2018-19 Traffic Education Programs*

(From the period of July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

- 178 public high school districts were **eligible** to offer a traffic education program.
- 133 high school districts **offered** a state-approved traffic education program.
- 12,257 public and private high school students were **eligible** to enroll in traffic education.
- 8,546 students **completed** traffic education (includes 78 students in three private schools).

WHEN OFFERED

- 37 districts offered the program **before school hours**.
- 24 districts offered the program during **regular school hours**.
- 63 districts offered the program **after school hours**.
- 88 districts offered the program in the **summer**.

PROGRAM FEES

- 124 high school districts charged a **fee**. The mode fee was **\$200.00**.
The **minimum** fee was **\$25.00**. The **maximum** fee was **\$600.00**.
- 12 districts **plan to increase the fee** charged students for the upcoming school year and summer.

PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

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

NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND RATES OF PAY

- 71 **full-time** traffic education teachers were employed.
- 211 **part-time** traffic education teachers were employed.
- \$18.00 per hour is the **minimum** rate paid.
- \$46.01 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

- 228 **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.
- 20 districts obtained their vehicles on a **lease** or **rent** basis.
- 110 districts **owned** their vehicles.
- 1 districts used **other** means to obtain vehicles.

CRASHES

- 13 traffic **crashes** occurred involving a student driver while in the traffic education vehicle.
- 0 persons were **killed**.
- 0 persons were **injured**.
- \$32,814.75 **property damage** costs incurred.

COST PER PUPIL

- \$488.33 is the **average** per pupil cost. (District costs were partially offset by state reimbursement amounting to **\$79.71** per pupil).

* This information was compiled from the 2018-19 Traffic Education year End Reports completed by all high school districts conducting state-approved traffic education programs during the summer of 2018 and the school year 2018-19. If you have questions, please contact the Traffic Education Office at (406) 444-4432 or send an email to pborneman@mt.gov. For detailed school-specific data, visit the GEMS Data Warehouse: <https://gems.opi.mt.gov>.