



Statewide Summary of Montana's 2015-16 Traffic Education Programs*

(From the period of July 1, 2015– June 30, 2016)

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

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| 174 | public high school districts were eligible to offer a traffic education program. |
| 132 | high school districts offered a state-approved traffic education program. |
| 12,262 | public and private high school students were eligible to enroll in traffic education. |
| 8476 | students completed traffic education. |

WHEN OFFERED

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| 28 | districts offered the program before school hours . |
| 29 | districts offered the program during regular school hours . |
| 66 | districts offered the program after school hours . |
| 86 | districts offered the program in the summer . |

PROGRAM FEES

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| 124 | high school districts charged a fee . The mode fee was \$150.00 . The minimum fee was \$25.00 . The maximum fee was \$340.00 . |
| 17 | districts plan to increase the fee charged students for the upcoming school year and summer. |

PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

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| 56 | districts granted credit for successful completion of traffic education. |
| 132 | districts screened students' vision with an eye exam before behind-the-wheel instruction. |
| 85 | districts employed a traffic and safety education coordinator and/or supervisor . |
| 69 | districts offered pedestrian safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools. |
| 86 | 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. |
| 45 | districts offered traffic education for adult beginners. |
| 132 | districts provided traffic education for students with disabilities . |
| 122 | districts taught an instructional unit on sharing the road with motorcycles . |
| 132 | districts emphasized and required the use of seat belts . |
| 131 | districts used Montana's current Traffic Education Curriculum Guide for its high school program. |
| 26 | districts conducted follow-up research on student performance (violations/crashes). |
| 132 | districts taught an instructional unit on the effects of alcohol/drug use in driving. |
| 132 | districts require a Parent Meeting to review schedule, requirements and parent role in Graduated Driver Licensing. |
| 128 | districts participated in the Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP) . |
| 115 | districts utilized computers in their program. |
| 130 | districts used the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Web site to obtain traffic education information. |

NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND RATES OF PAY

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| 51 | full-time traffic education teachers were employed. |
| 229 | part-time traffic education teachers were employed. |
| \$18.00 | per hour is the minimum rate paid. |
| \$57.00 | 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

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| 226 | vehicles were used in the program. |
| 6 | districts obtained their vehicles on a free loan basis. |
| 0 | districts obtained their vehicles on a daily fee basis. |
| 25 | districts obtained their vehicles on a lease or rent basis. |
| 108 | districts owned their vehicles. |
| 0 | instructors owned and provided vehicles. |
| 1 | districts used other means to obtain vehicles. |

CRASHES

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| 9 | traffic crashes occurred involving a student driver while in the traffic education vehicle. |
| 0 | persons were killed . |
| 1 | person, a traffic education instructor, was injured . |
| \$29,115.51 | property damage costs incurred. |

COST PER PUPIL

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| \$444.43 | is the average per-pupil cost. (District costs were partially offset by state reimbursement of \$104.35 per pupil.) |
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* This information was compiled from the 2015-16 Traffic Education Year End Reports completed by all high school districts conducting state-approved traffic education programs during the summer of 2015 and the school year 2015-16. If you have questions, please contact Fran Penner-Ray by telephone at (406) 444-4396, or by e-mail at fpenner-ray@mt.gov.