

## Statewide Summary of Montana's 2017-18 Traffic Education Programs\*

(From the period of July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)

### PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

174 public high school districts were **eligible** to offer a traffic education program.  
 132 high school districts **offered** a state-approved traffic education program.  
 12439 public and private high school students were **eligible** to enroll in traffic education.  
 8467 students **completed** traffic education.

### WHEN OFFERED

35 districts offered the program **before school hours**.  
 35 districts offered the program during **regular school hours**.  
 66 districts offered the program **after school hours**.  
 88 districts offered the program in the **summer**.

### PROGRAM FEES

125 high school districts charged a **fee**. The mode fee was **\$150.00**.  
 The **minimum** fee was **\$25.00**. The **maximum** fee was **\$450.00**.  
 10 districts **plan to increase the fee** charged students for the upcoming school year and summer.

### PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

59 districts **granted credit** for successful completion of traffic education.  
 132 districts **screened students' vision** with an eye exam before behind-the-wheel instruction.  
 132 districts emphasized and required the use of **seat belts**.  
 130 districts require a **Parent Meeting** to review schedule, requirements and parent role in the Graduated Driver Licensing.  
 130 districts offered provided traffic education for **students with disabilities**.  
 77 districts offered **pedestrian** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.  
 82 districts offered **school bus rider** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.  
 69 districts offered **bicycle** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.  
 126 districts taught an instructional unit on sharing the road with **motorcycles**.  
 132 districts taught an instructional unit on the effects of **alcohol/drug use** in driving.  
 130 districts used the Office of Public Instruction (**OPI**) **Web site** to obtain traffic education information.  
 131 districts used OPI's current Traffic Education **Curriculum Guide** for its high school program.  
 84 districts employed a traffic and safety education **coordinator and/or supervisor**.  
 42 districts offered traffic education for **adult beginners**.  
 113 districts utilized **computers** in their program.  
 131 districts participated in the **Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP)**.

### NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND RATES OF PAY

79 **full-time** traffic education teachers were employed.  
 199 **part-time** traffic education teachers were employed.  
 \$18.00 per hour is the **minimum** rate paid.  
 \$47.16 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

234 **vehicles** were used in the program.  
 8 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

10 traffic **crashes** occurred involving a student driver while in the traffic education vehicle.  
 0 persons were **killed**.  
 0 persons were **injured**.  
 \$53,793.16 **property damage** costs incurred.

### COST PER PUPIL

\$458.96 is the **average** per pupil cost. (District costs were partially offset by state reimbursement amounting to **\$110.63** per pupil).

\* This information was compiled from the 2017-18 Traffic Education year End Reports completed by all high school districts conducting state-approved traffic education programs during the summer of 2017 and the school year 2017-18. If you have questions, please contact Fran Penner-Ray by telephone at (406) 444-4396, or by e-mail at fpenner-ray@mt.gov