## Driver Education



### October 2020

\*Information may have changed. For more information about COVID-19, visit KDHE's website and Frequently Asked Questions at kdheks.gov/coronavirus and cdc.gov/coronavirus. To view Ad Astra plan, click here.

#### Previous Newsletters available by clicking here

**WASH YOUR HANDS, WASH YOUR HANDLES** As the coronavirus crisis continues, we are amazed at the resilience and dedication of Driver Education community. During this ever-changing landscape, we want to make sure everyone remembers that vehicles should also be thoroughly sanitized to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

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## October is Distracted Driving Awareness Month (DDAM)

**National Safety Council for 2020!** Join the National Safety Council in recognizing the observance with the updated materials at <a href="nsc.org/justdrive">nsc.org/justdrive</a> Thanks to the lead sponsor TRUCE Software – a company dedicated to decreasing workplace distraction and improving worker safety – for helping to make our roadways and people safer. You can show your dedication to road safety by:

- Supporting DDAM for the whole month of October using NSC tools and resources.
- Registering for a free NSC members-only webinar on Thursday, Oct. 22, that will provide key distracted driving takeaways from the past decade.
- Register now!
- Committing to drive distraction-free by taking the <u>NSC Just Drive pledge</u>:
  - Thanks to NSC partnership with The Zebra, the nation's leading insurance comparison site, they will donate \$1 for every pledge taken and match 100% of every donation made up to \$5,000 through Nov. 6 to support the work of NSC to keep you and your loved ones safe on the roads.

Together, we can make a difference. Learn more about these Distracted Driving Awareness Month activities and resources at <a href="mailto:nsc.org/justdrive">nsc.org/justdrive</a>. Thank you in advance for helping promote Distracted Driving Awareness Month! Tina Miller | Program Development Manager | Government Affairs | National Safety Council | O:(315)385-0047; C:(315)751-3986; F:(315)453-7932 | <a href="mailto:tina.Miller@nsc.org">Tina.Miller@nsc.org</a> | <a href="mailto:nsc.org">nsc.org</a>

**Commercial School Fees** CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY! The fee for a school operator's license is \$25.00. Each application for an instructor's license must include a \$5.00 fee. **REMINDER: When** applying for a new license(s) please send paperwork <u>AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR</u> to the date needed (except for renewals)!

# Kansas Curricular Standards for Driver Education revised by the State Board of Education May 2018 Click here or can be found on

ksde.org under Driver Education

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#### Who do I contact and for what?



Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR): Kansas Division of Vehicles (DMV), Driver Licensing, Instructor Portal, DE99: Michele

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## COMING SOON! Updated Driver's Ed Toolkit from Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office (KTSRO) "This program was developed for use

with parents, caregivers and the general public to provide an overview of the requirements of driving on Kansas roadways. I foresee this being used primarily for driver's education parent meetings, presentation at service organizations and local community groups or any venue where education occurs

#### **Driver Education REGIONAL MEETINGS!**

\*Date(s) and Locations are subject to change.

Fri., Oct. 9, 2020 1:00pm-3:00pm VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY Mon., Dec. 14, 2020 1:00pm-3:00pm VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY Wed., April 7, 2021 1:00pm-3:00pm VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY

Registration: <a href="https://forms.gle/dmZBGLmNLQjelzrp7">https://forms.gle/dmZBGLmNLQjelzrp7</a>

- 1. It is recommended for schools to send personnel responsible for overseeing Driver Education.
- 2. Remember DE99s are paperless and we will again review procedures for a lost cert. of completion, auditing info, Handbooks and DMV changes/charges for DE-99's, etc.
- 3. Plan to attend one of the meeting options if you plan to offer driver education. You will receive the latest information necessary to offer a state recognized driver education course.
- 4. Some Regional Meetings will cover Professional Development topics.

#### **Deadlines**

#### Public secondary schools/Nonpublic secondary schools

August 31 - Reimbursement claims Due

USD Administrators and USD Driver Education Instructors:

When the Driver Education Instructors renew their teaching license with KSDE, the <u>DRIVER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL FORM</u> needs to be filled out and returned to my office.

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#### **Commercial Drivers' Training Schools**

November – Annual renewal of Drivers' Training Schools; annual renewal of commercial school driving instructors

January 31 - <u>Student Enrolled Form 0-03-02-104R</u> and <u>Driver Training School Report 0-03-02-106R</u>

#### **Motorcycle Programs**

January 31 - <u>Student Enrolled Form 0-03-02-104M</u> and <u>Motorcycle/Driver Training School Report</u> 0-03-02-106M

Motorcycle Program Approval Form



**Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)** Please note that the MSF will no longer be mailing coach certification cards. Cards are available through their RETSORG profile.

#### **Tips for Motorists:**

• Remember the motorcycle is a vehicle with all the rights and privileges of any other motor vehicle on the highway; always allow a motorcyclist the full lane and never try to share a lane.



- Make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections.
- Allow more following distance when traveling behind a motorcycle to permit enough time for the rider to maneuver or stop in an emergency.
- Never tailgate a motorcyclist.
- To report problems, you experience with roads in Kansas, email here: <u>publicinfo@ksdot.org</u>

#### **Reimbursement** Deadline as set in Regulations (For School Districts)

By statute (K.S.A. 8-272), in August of each year, the superintendent of each school district and the governing authority of each nonpublic school shall report to the state board of education the number of students who have been in attendance for a complete driver training course during the past school year. Therefore, if a student does not complete the driver training course prior to August 31<sup>st</sup>, the school will not be able to claim that student for reimbursement purposes *for that year*. Students who complete the course after August 31<sup>st</sup> would be eligible to be claimed for reimbursement *in the following year*.

- The estimated per pupil amount for students taking driver education in 2017-2018 school year the rate was \$128 for Driver Ed and \$70 for Motorcycle Ed.
- The estimated per pupil amount for students taking driver education in 2018-2019 school year the rate was \$138 for Driver Ed and \$73 for Motorcycle Ed.
- The estimated per pupil amount for students taking driver education in 2019-2020 has not been determined yet because the "season" has not concluded.

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#### Kansas Driver Safety Education Association (KDSEA) Member

**Application here** Contact Gary Scott 1617 E Sheridan Bridge Lane Olathe, Kansas 66062

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#### WHAT YOUR KDSEA DOES FOR YOU:

- Organize and provides the Annual Conference
- Speak as a group that can affect legislative activities
- Support the National Organization They need serious support from all its members!
- Recognize fellow members for years of service
- Provide funds to help send the Association president to the National ADTSEA Conference
- Write letters or makes calls to individual legislators
- Provide help at the regional driver education meetings
- Work in harmony to promote changes in rules and regulations affecting driver education programs

#### For more KSDE information:

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