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Home School Materials

Dear Home School Parents:

Minnesota law approves home school parents to teach the classroom portion of driver education to students under the age of 18 when the student is receiving full-time instruction in a home school, within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes [120A.22](#) and [120A.24](#), the student is working toward a home-school diploma and the student is using driver training classroom materials approved by the commissioner of Public Safety.

Students who attend an online school or a charter school, or students who are homebound, do not meet the definition of home school students. They are not eligible to complete the classroom portion at home.

To provide the classroom portion of driver education, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Your son or daughter must be at least 14 years of age.
2. You must comply with the Minnesota rules governing classroom instruction. Attached are a summary of these rules and a list of pre-approved textbooks and other resources that you may use. If you wish to use classroom materials other than those on the list, you must contact this office for approval.
3. When your child has completed the required 30 hours of classroom instruction, you may go to our website and complete the Home School Driver's Education Affidavit, print the completed affidavit, and mail or fax it to the Office of Driver Education. The affidavit may be found at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms-documents/Documents/HomeSchoolAffidavit.pdf>
4. Upon receipt of your completed affidavit, this office will send a proof-of-classroom completion document to you. You must present this document to the behind-the-wheel instruction provider to obtain a Certificate of Enrollment (blue card) for your student. Bring the blue card, along with a primary and a secondary form of identification, when you go to the state examining station for the knowledge test. **Your child must be at least 15 years of age to take the knowledge test.** Please refer to the Minnesota Driver's Manual for acceptable forms of identification. After your child has passed the knowledge test, he or she may apply for an instruction permit.
5. In order to take the road test your child must:
 - Be at least 16 years old and have his or her original instruction permit or plastic instruction permit in possession.
 - Have completed driver's education and have the white course completion card.
 - Have held an instruction permit for at least six months with no convictions for moving violations or alcohol/controlled substance violations.
 - Have driven under the supervision of a licensed driver at least 21 years of age, for not less than 30 hours, at least 10 of which were at night. The parent, court appointed guardian, county appointed foster parent or director of the transitional living program in which the child resides must certify to this on the driver's license application.

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Summary of Minnesota Rules, Part 7411.0515 Classroom Driver Education

An instructor conducting classroom instruction must use a written classroom curriculum guide (textbook).

The instructor must be physically present with the student during classroom instruction to instruct as well as to address the questions and comments of the student.

A student must receive a minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction, with no more than three hours of class per day.

The curriculum presented to the student must include at least the following:

- Decision-making analysis and assessment.
- Information on the effects of alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription drugs, and nonprescription drugs on a person's ability to drive.
- Legal penalties and financial consequences of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Passenger restraint usage.
- Roadway characteristics.
- Vehicle speed under different driving conditions.
- State traffic laws (the Minnesota Driver's Manual will suffice).
- Vehicle ownership, leasing, insurance, and maintenance.
- Driver's attitudes and emotions and their effect on safety.
- Safe interaction with bicycles, pedestrians, commercial motor vehicles, and non-motorized vehicles.
- Driver's responsibility when around school buses and penalties for violating school bus laws-30 minutes.
- Safety at railroad-highway grade crossings.
- The physics involving tires, traction, braking, and accelerating.
- Characteristics of both conventional and antilock (ABS) brake systems.
- Information about becoming an organ donor-30 minutes.
- Information on the dangers and risks of carbon monoxide poisoning from an idling vehicle.

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Approved Sources for Driver Education Textbooks

AAA Traffic Safety Department

100 AAA Dr.
Heathrow, FL 32746-5063
(952) 927-2671 (Hennepin county residents)
(800) 646-4222 (all other counties)
(*How to Drive*)

All Star Driver Education

1011 S Main St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(800) 967-7719
www.allstardrivereducation.com

AllGood Drivers (Correspondence course)

22082 El Coyote Dr.
Sonora, CA 95370
(800) 977-1971
(Includes *Drive Right* textbook, video, *Driver Zed* CD and workbook)

Cengage Learning

P.O. Box 6904
Florence, KY 41022
(800) 354-9706
www.cengagesites.com/us/
(*License to Drive*)

Driver Ed in a Box, LLC

5000 Katy Mills Circle #453
Katy, TX 77494
(800) 562-6405
www.drivedinabox.com
(*Driver Ed in a Box*)

DriverEdToGo.com

6901 N. Lamar Ave. Suite 107
Austin, TX 78752
(512) 394-6115 ext. 500
www.drivedtogo.com

DriversEd.com (Correspondence course)

283 4th St. Unit 301
Oakland, CA 94607
(888) 651-AUTO (2886)
www.driversed.com
(Includes student guide, parent guide, rear-view mirror)

DriveSafeRideSafe

P.O. Box 488
Champlin, MN 55316
(765) 281-2942
www.DriveSafeRideSafe.com
(Includes Parent Guidebook, Student Workbook, *Roadworthy* DVD, *How to Drive* book)

Glencoe/McGraw-Hill

P.O. Box 543
Blacklick, OH 43004-0544
(800) 334-7344
www.glencoe.com
(*Responsible Driving*)

Keystone National High School

(Correspondence course)
920 Central Rd.
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
(717) 784-5520
keystoneschoolonline.com
(Includes *Responsible Driving* learning guide and video)

National Driver Training Institute

4432 Austin Bluffs Parkway
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
(800) 942-2050
www.usdrivertraining.com
(Includes *Help for the Teenager Who Wants to Drive* manual and accompanying CD or VHS video)

NTSA International

7953 Duranceau
LaSalle, Quebec
Canada H8P 3R8
(866) 475-1999
Email: ntsa.int@mac.com
(*Handbook Plus*)

Pearson

P.O. Box 2500
Lebanon, IN 46052
(800) 848-9500
www.pearsonschool.com
(*Drive Right*)

Virtual Drive of America (Main office)

7101 Canterbury Pl. Suite 1
Amarillo, TX 79109
(806) 352-9558
www.vdriveofmn.com