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On the short walk to my daughter's school this morning, I witnessed three people completely blow through Stop signs, and countless others racing above the speed limit. We've got to do something to keep our streets and our kids safer. Enacting mandatory drivers ed through public school is one of many strategies we need to activate to prioritize our residents' safety and wellbeing.



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I'm writing today in support of HB2195 to establish a "Missouri Integrated Safe Driving Program."

It is important to prioritize safety and connectivity for all users. Walking, bicycling, and using public transit is vital to promote vibrancy and active living. Driver's education isn't just about preparing teens to pass a test; it's about building lifelong safe driving habits. When new drivers are better trained, everyone benefits: people walking, biking, rolling, and driving alike.

Missouri is currently one of only a few states with no required driver education curriculum for teens seeking a permit or license — and the consequences show up in higher teen crash rates compared to states with education requirements. HB2195, along with its Senate companion SB1567, would provide students with necessary information to protect themselves and others while on the road.

Missourians deserve a licensing system that prepares drivers for real-world conditions and shared road responsibility.



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Missouri is one of 13 states not requiring Driver Education. Most states surrounding MO, who offer some form of Driver Education, have lower crash and fatality rates compared to MO. We are only reaching approximately 7% of our students with Driver Education as it exists today. There are studies from Oregon and Nebraska that verify Driver Education is beneficial. I know the cost of having Driver Education is a deterrent to you as legislators. However, if we save one life it is well worth its cost. It would be proceless if the life saved was your son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, or your best friends child? We have to do what is right for our youth if we want safer drivers and to continue reducing the number of lives lost on our highways. A stronger Graduated Driver License (GDL) law would be helpful as well.



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I am in Support of this Bill and Offering Driver's Education in Public Schools.



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High school students have a difficult enough time meeting requirements in statute and choosing courses of interest to them. This bill is better than bills that require another credit for graduation.



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Support it only because is does not mandate that the lesson plans be used in specific courses. Can make lesson plans available on the DESE website for anyone (school or non-school) to use.



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When I moved to this state years ago I found that some of the worst drivers I ever encountered were here. I was stunned to learn that driver's education was not required in the high schools here. This is absolutely necessary.



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On behalf of our 22,500 members, I submit this testimony in support of HB 2195. Driver education is critical for reducing collisions, promoting safe driving, and fostering responsible, safe driving habits among novice drivers. In Missouri, novice driver's 16-20 make up 6% of Missouri's licensed drivers, yet account for 15% of all fatal car accidents in 2023. Implementing driver education is a proven way to reduce the danger of young driver's both to themselves and also to other drivers.

We strongly support the implementation of driver's education courses as a part of the required curriculum in all schools across our state. This coursework would ensure that any young driver would have had to satisfactorily pass the course to receive their license. 37 other states currently have driver's education as a requirement to obtain a license. These states have prioritized the safety of all drivers by requiring driver's education. It is unfortunate that in 2026, we are still debating this issue. By enacting this piece of legislation, Missouri will begin to ensure the safety of drivers, passengers, and pedestrians, with each new driver knowing and understanding the rules of the road. It is time for Missouri to pass HB 2195 for all of Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Kent
President
Missouri PTA



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In the current 2026 legislative session, Missouri House Bill 2195 (HB 2195), introduced by Representative Rodger Reedy, proposes a requirement for public schools to offer a driver education course that all students must complete before graduating.

To help you advocate for this legislation, I have drafted a comprehensive and supportive statement focusing on safety, equity, and civic responsibility. You can use or adapt this draft for speeches, emails, or public testimony.

Statement in Support of Missouri House Bill 2195

A Commitment to Public Safety and Student Success

Missouri House Bill 2195 represents a critical investment in the safety of our youth and the security of our communities. By requiring public schools to offer a driver education course and making it a graduation requirement, this legislation ensures that every young person in Missouri is adequately prepared for one of the most significant responsibilities they will take on: operating a motor vehicle.

Improving Roadway Safety

Motor vehicle crashes remain a leading cause of preventable injury and death among teenagers. Inexperienced drivers are statistically more vulnerable to accidents, often due to a lack of formal, structured instruction. Reintegrating driver education into the core high school curriculum guarantees that students receive comprehensive training on traffic laws, defensive driving techniques, and the severe dangers of distracted or impaired driving. This proactive educational approach will undoubtedly reduce accidents and save lives on Missouri’s roads.

Ensuring Equitable Access to Essential Skills

Currently, formal driver training is often outsourced to private driving schools, which can be prohibitively expensive. This creates a disparity where only students from families with sufficient financial resources receive professional instruction, while others must rely entirely on informal training from family members or friends. HB 2195 levels the playing field. By offering this education through our public school system, we guarantee that all students—regardless of their socioeconomic background—have equal access to the professional instruction necessary to become safe, responsible drivers.

Fostering Lifelong Responsibility

Driving is a privilege that demands a strong sense of civic duty and situational awareness. A classroom environment, guided by trained educators, is the ideal setting to instill these values. Beyond

simply teaching the mechanics of driving, a formalized curriculum encourages critical thinking, peer accountability, and a deep respect for the rules of the road.

Conclusion

We must equip our students with the practical life skills they need to navigate the world safely. House Bill 2195 is a common-sense measure that prioritizes public health, educational equity, and civic responsibility. I strongly urge our legislators to support and pass HB 2195 for the betterment of our students and the safety of all Missourians



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I am totally behind putting Drivers Education back in schools. These young people out on the roads today need a more structured education behind the wheels. My thoughts are if the parents (who are suppose to be training these children) are bad drivers they will pass their bad habits onto the child. Break the habit of bad drivers with Drivers Education.



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Every driver needs not only to be able to drive a car but also to understand and follow the rules of the road. Driver education should be mandatory for everyone who will get behind the wheel of a vehicle. I fully support this bill and its implementation to make driving in MO safer for everyone.



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Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens, who are overrepresented in fatal crashes. Sadly, Missouri teens are not immune from this peril. Young drivers ages 16 to 20 across the state account for just 6 percent of licensed drivers, yet in 2023, they accounted for 15 percent of the fatal crashes. What's more, Missouri's young driver crash involvement rate has been climbing steadily over the last five years, and it now far exceeds the rate of most neighboring states. driver education has real benefits for students.

HB2195 would be a step in the right direction to making our streets safer not only for teen drivers but for all road users. I hope you'll join me in supporting this important measure. This bill has the potential to save countless lives today and into the future. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.



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There was a time when driver education in high school was ubiquitous. As a matter of course, teens gained valuable information about the rules of the road, as well as about safe driving habits, as part of their high school curriculums. In recent decades, however, various factors have contributed to eliminate these programs—including from most high schools across Missouri.

Unfortunately, it’s one less tool that parents can rely on to try to help keep their teens safe behind the wheel. And it’s desperately needed at this time. The young driver crash involvement rate per 100,000 licensed drivers has risen steadily over the last five years. And teens aren’t the only ones affected when they crash. The majority of fatalities in crashes involving a teen are people other than the driver, including passengers, pedestrians, cyclists, and occupants of other vehicles. Perhaps most telling is that in 2023, young Missouri drivers age 16 to 20 accounted for just 6 percent of all licensed drivers, but they accounted for 15 percent of the fatal crashes.

Something has to be done to help these inexperienced drivers.

That something can be the reintroduction of driver education through HB2195. Implementing an integrated safe driving program to our students is a promising—and inexpensive—step toward helping enhance our teens’ driving knowledge and skills. Under this measure, teens would learn about safe driving habits and the dangers of distracted and impaired driving. While not a cure-all, this measure would help emphasize safe driving practices to an audience that’s in the early stages of learning to drive. Developing proper habits early can lead to lifelong safe drivers.

I’m writing to urge you to support this driver education legislation.

Studies have shown that driver education works. A review of teen drivers over eight years in Nebraska found that young drivers who had not completed driver education were 75 percent more likely to get a traffic ticket and 24 percent more likely to be involved in a fatal or injury crash than their classmates who had taken driver education. Our teens drivers deserve whatever programs we can implement to help keep them—and all of us—safe on Missouri’s roadways. Lives are at stake.



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Missouri HB 2195 represents a strategic long-term investment in proactively reducing the frequency and severity of traffic collisions through standardized instruction. By equipping young drivers with formal safety training, Missouri can significantly reduce the financial burden of emergency response and property damage caused by avoidable crashes. This reduction in crashes should alleviate stress on the EMS system and hospital emergency rooms, allowing for more efficient allocation of critical public resources. Over time, the program functions as a preventative measure that lowers the aggregate social and economic costs associated with Missouri's roadways. For this reason I support HB2195



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Hi, my name is Grace and I'm a student from Ladue High School in St. Louis Missouri and I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2195 - Reedy - DRIVER EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. As a student advocate who proposed the ideas behind a similar driver's safety bill HB 1753, I have spent the last year diving deep into the necessity of improved driver's education in Missouri. This week is unusually busy for me so I am unfortunately unable to attend in person, but I am especially glad to see that the topic is being addressed here in the Missouri state legislature.

One of the things describes in the pitches I gave to many legislators and assistants here at the Capitol and the thing that drove me as a high schooler to act and advocate so strongly for it is the fact that three of my peers unfortunately passed away in a distracted driving crash. Unfortunately, I was soon hit by the realization that such stories are much too unfortunately common especially for the youth around me. When not meeting in driver's ed coalition meetings and simply bringing up the conversation to friends across the state through recruiting for the missouri american youth association or american legion auxillary's girls state, I heard stories of missouri youth knowing individuals who were involved in traffic fatality crashes. Combined with my own frustrations with the long-winded and costly process and eventually speaking on the subject at the Missouri Highway Traffic Safety conference (thank you Nick from AAA for the opportunity), I gained a greater understanding of the entire process and eventually devised a solution of my own. While HB 1753 has not been referred yet, I inquire anyone reading this to look into both bills. We have yet, as one of 10 states without formal driver's education, to address the issue. Many public service champions here have to commute to the Capitol, and lives everyday, from truck drivers to motorcyclists to everyday drivers are impacted by our lack of action.

That's why ultimately I believe the measures in HB 2195 are vital to improving road safety and modernizing the curriculum. We need every tool available to protect young drivers. Please vote "Yes" on this bill. For the safety of students and beyond.



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As a Driver Education teacher, I support HB 2195 because it will be required in the State of Missouri. At this time, Missouri is one of 13 states that does not require Driver Education. Our district, has the classroom portion but eliminated the driving aspect two years ago due to budget cuts. It might be helpful if experts in Driver Education, MODot, insurance companies, and Missouri Highway Patrol, provide support to school districts around this bill.



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The data is very clear in showing there needs to be a requirement for teen driver's education in Missouri. For example, teens represented only 6% of the drivers but accounted for 15% of the fatal crashes since 2023. I live between two high schools in Wildwood, MO and have first hand knowledge of the risk that teen drivers present to themselves and to other road users. As a walker, bike rider, and automobile driver, I've had several close calls with teen drivers who were driving recklessly, frequently looking at their phones as they engage in the most dangerous activity of their day. In addition, I work with people with disabilities who must travel by foot, use mobility devices and public transportation, and are at greater risk to poor driving behaviors. Please review the Fact Sheet issued by the Missouri Driver's Education Coalition and it will be obvious when looking at the lower crash rates of adjacent states with Driver's Education requirements that Missouri must implement a requirement. In addition to the huge emotional damage of crash related injuries and fatalities, we must also consider the economic impacts (insurance rates, repairs, medical, etc.) and the potential economic opportunities of an equipped, safer driving workforce. The benefits far outweigh the costs.

I believe that House Bill 2195 is an effective, flexible and common sense mechanism to reach teen drivers with this life saving information and ask that you support it. Thank you,

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EMAIL: jackson@movingmissouri.org	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2026 5:20 PM	
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Dear Members of the Missouri House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee,

My name is Jackson Hotaling with Missourians for Responsible Transportation—a partnership between Trailnet in St. Louis, BikeWalkKC in Kansas City, Ozark Greenways in Springfield, and Local Motion in Columbia—and ‘our mission is to be the leader in fostering strong communities by aligning advocacy efforts for streets, roads, and trails that work for all Missourians.’ We support common-sense transportation safety solutions for Missouri, and we believe addressing our driver education gap through HB2195 will be a crucial step toward improving roadway safety for all Missourians.

As an organization that represents and fights for Missouri’s “vulnerable road users,” or those who walk, bike, use wheelchairs, and take transit across the state, we are deeply concerned about driver safety as it relates to those outside of a vehicle. A majority of teen crashes—66%—impact people other than the teen. At the same time, more pedestrians were killed on Missouri roadways in 2025 than in any year in our state’s history, surpassing our 2024 record. This indicates that pedestrians are more at risk than ever before on our roadways, and poor teen driving records are a factor.

We believe HB2195 is a solution to improve driver safety for teens and beyond, because studies demonstrate that teens who receive driver education are involved in fewer crashes. I hope you’ll join me in supporting Rep. Reedy’s House Bill 2195 to reintroduce driver’s education in Missouri. Missouri needs to take a step in the right direction for roadway safety by advancing this bill, which will protect our neighbors and loved ones.

Thank you.



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As the mother of a newly permitted driver, it is such a disservice to our youth to not give them the tools to be a safe and courteous member of our community. It takes hours upon hours to teach a child to drive and we are certainly not professionals. The kids take things like interior design and ceramics, which are great, but not nearly as valuable as driver education.

We are trying to teach our daughter safe driving when nearly everyone she shares a road with are rolling stops, following too close and failing to yield. We see it every day and my rule following teen sees it too. We are not setting these kids up for success.



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I strongly support Missouri House Bill 2195, which would strengthen driver education within our public school system. Providing structured, high quality driver education in schools is a practical and forward thinking investment in the safety of Missouri's students and communities.

Motor vehicle accidents remain one of the leading causes of injury and death among teenagers. By ensuring that students have access to comprehensive driver education as part of their public education experience, HB 2195 promotes safer roads, better-prepared young drivers, and greater peace of mind for parents.

Expanding access through public schools also helps ensure equity. Not every family can afford private driver training programs, and this bill helps level the playing field so that all students regardless of income or location have the opportunity to learn safe driving skills from qualified instructors.

HB 2195 is about prevention, responsibility, and public safety. It supports families, strengthens communities, and prepares young Missourians with essential life skills. I encourage lawmakers to support this important legislation for the benefit of students and drivers across our state.



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As a Health/Physical Education teacher, I support HB 2195 because it does not require adding Driver Education content to High School Health Education. Drivers Education information should be implemented in schools to help our young adults become effective and safe at driving. Everyone receives different perspectives on how to drive and driving safety, so it will be nice to have some common lessons/instruction students may receive. A suggestion would be to collaborate with highway patrol, motdot, and different insurance companies to make sure research, stats, and information is current and relevant to our students.



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I feel that this bill is a great step forward in increasing safety protocols for new or learning drivers. While some schools in St. Louis provide extracurricular driving programs, many do not. This means that many new drivers either learn from their parents, or from a private tutor. This can lead to some new drivers having a lack of knowledge or experience, making it hard to be a confident and safe driver. I feel that including this program in schools will help to increase safety, knowledge and confidence in new and learning drivers.



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WITNESS NAME: KIMBERLY ST CLAIR		PHONE NUMBER: 314-363-5944	
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DOC DASH Global supports legislative efforts that strengthen roadway safety, improve communication during traffic stops and roadside emergencies, and reduce preventable misunderstandings between motorists and first responders. Within high school driver education, this commitment translates into preparing young drivers not only to operate a vehicle safely, but to navigate real-world roadside interactions with confidence, clarity, and responsibility.

Policies that prioritize preparedness and standardized engagement are especially critical for new drivers. Adolescents often experience heightened anxiety during first encounters with law enforcement or emergency responders, which can affect communication, decision-making, and compliance. By embedding DOC DASH modules within existing driver education programs, students gain structured guidance on what to expect, how to communicate appropriately, and how to respond safely during traffic stops, crashes, and roadside medical emergencies.

To date, DOC DASH has trained 485 high school students, with 91 % reporting improved communication confidence with law enforcement, greater respect for traffic laws, and increased awareness of safe roadside behavior. Additionally, school adoption has expanded significantly, with participating schools increasing by 150 %, demonstrating both demand and measurable program value within educational environments.

DOC DASH instruction within high school settings includes:

Traffic-stop preparedness and expectations — helping students understand safe positioning, documentation readiness, and respectful communication

Roadside emergency awareness — reinforcing calm decision-making and cooperation during collisions or vehicle breakdowns

Communication confidence building — reducing anxiety and improving clarity when interacting with first responders

Recognition of communication barriers — increasing awareness that medical conditions, stress, or non-visible challenges may affect driver responses

Responsible driver behavior reinforcement — strengthening compliance with traffic laws as a

foundational safety strategy

This work has been strengthened through sponsorship support from the Missouri Department of Transportation utilizing federal highway safety funding, enabling DOC DASH to expand school-based safety education, strengthen community engagement, and introduce practical communication tools that support safer roadside outcomes for young drivers.

Through collaboration with educators, law enforcement partners, and community stakeholders, DOC DASH consistently observes that proactive education improves student confidence, reduces fear during roadside encounters, and encourages safer decision-making. Schools benefit from programming that complements traditional driver education by addressing real-world scenarios not typically covered in standard coursework.

Legislative support that advances youth driver preparedness, promotes responsible driving habits, and encourages practical communication solutions represents an important step toward reducing preventable incidents and strengthening public trust among the next generation of drivers.

DOC DASH Global remains committed to partnering with schools, policymakers, and public-safety leaders to expand high-school driver education initiatives that protect young drivers, improve responder interactions, and promote safer engagement across Missouri's roadways.



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I support HB 2195 because it does not require adding Driver Education content to High School Health Education.



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I support HB 2195 because it does not require adding Drivers Ed content into HS health education.



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Driver education is important because it teaches new drivers the rules of the road, safe driving habits, and how to handle dangerous situations. It helps reduce accidents, saves lives, and builds responsible, confident drivers. Overall, driver education makes roads safer for everyone.



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I grew up in a state with robust requirements for drivers education. The result is that most people on the roads are equipped to deal with all sorts of situations that drivers find themselves in, and the roads are much safer. This saves lives (by preventing crashes) and money (by keeping our infrastructure from being destroyed). It also helps make our state feel like a civil and reasonable place to live. I wholeheartedly support HB2195 and hope to see it made law this year.



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Driving is an essential life skill.



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I am writing in support of House Bill 2195.

I support HB 2195 because it does not require adding Driver Education content to High School Health Education courses. This ensures that health education can remain focused on established health standards and priorities without creating additional mandates for already full curricula.

Additionally, this bill does not require an additional credit for graduation, which helps districts avoid unintended scheduling challenges and credit inflation for students.

As this legislation moves forward, it may be helpful for experts in Driver Education, the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT), insurance companies, and the Missouri Highway Patrol to provide guidance and support to school districts to ensure effective implementation.

Thank you for considering support for HB 2195.



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I support HB 2195 because it does not require adding Driver Education content to High School Health Education. There are better ways to serve students and teach driver's education rather than adding it to the High School Health curriculum. People who are experts in Driver Education like MODot, insurance companies, and the Missouri Highway Patrol would be better trained and equipped to provide support to school districts.



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I agree with Rep. Reedy's efforts to ensure that our young people learn all they need to know to be safe drivers. This is particularly important in the complicated and constantly changing environment in which we live. I would like to suggest that perhaps integrating these skills and learnings into some of the extra curricular activities of high school students could be an enhancement in addition to curricular. Let's say the football coaching staff could include some of this learning in regular team meetings. We often hear that part of the purpose of sports and other extra curricular activities is to encourage students to become productive citizens, so this fits right in. FBLA, FFA, FACS, Student Government, Speech and Debate, and other co-curricular activities could be included in this also. Thinking outside the box, and outside the school day, can help preserve instructional time yet educate future drivers.



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High school students have a difficult enough time meeting requirements in statute and choosing courses of interest to them. This bill is better than bills that require another credit for graduation. In the past, suggestions have been made to require extensive driver education in the Health class. Our Health Curriculum is full and the standards we have for health are important for our students. You might even say several of your standards address decisions around risky behaviors related to driving. Experts in driver education and safety in Missouri could provide support to schools to enhance the efforts of this bill. For instance,

- if insurance companies offered online courses for students to complete for discounts, or
- if the Missouri Department of Transportation could provide real statistics to educators to use in their classrooms, or
- if the Missouri Highway Patrol could provide modules that would fit within a content area regarding interactions with law enforcement and what to do in an accident type resource.



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Dangerous driving in Missouri has taken a heavy toll on our state. According to MODOT, over 900 individuals died in crashes in 2025. Obligatory driver education in secondary schools will make our roads safer by providing our students with the knowledge of how to safely operate motor vehicles.



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I support HB 2195 because it does not require adding Driver Education content to High School Health Education. This bill will not require an additional credit for graduation. It might be helpful if experts in Driver Education, MODot, insurance companies, and the Missouri Highway Patrol provide support to school districts around this bill.



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Our citizens desperately need drivers education. This bill would implement a base line from which we can continue to build safer streets and neighborhoods for Missourians. So many drivers never undergo any kind of formal or even informal education around operating a legal vehicle. Drivers Ed on the front end could prevent tragedy.



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We need better and safer driver. We do this by training and educating. This will provide a safer environment for the public



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Yes, a registered nurse I initially thought that driver's education classes would reduce the risk of motor vehicle injuries. However, upon further research, driver's education has not been shown to reduce injuries and mechanisms are already in place in Missouri that have been found to reduce injury, including the graduated drivers license program. Requiring formal education will only serve to marginalize those further who cannot afford the courses.

While novice 16- and 17-year-olds' highest crash rates occur almost immediately after they are licensed, their peak traffic violation rates are delayed until around the time they turn age 18. Both pre-licensure crash rates and post-licensure crash peaks were more pronounced for some older age groups of novices than was the case for 16–17-year-olds. Over 70% of 16- and 17-year-old novices are crash-free for the first 3years of licensure. Extending learner permit holding periods particularly those ages 18 to 20—to hold permits for minimum periods may reduce their initial crash rates (Chapman et al., 2014).

“This investigation used linked data to evaluate the outcomes of all occupants in crashes involving drivers ages 16-20 years. The post-GDL period was associated with lower crash, injury crash, and fatal crash involvement among drivers and occupants ages 16-17 years but higher overall crash involvement for drivers and occupants ages 19 years, 20 years, and 18-20 years combined. These findings support extending GDL restrictions to novice drivers ages 18 through 20 years to reduce crashes in that group” (Conner & Smith, 2017).

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses of scientific literature showed that “pre-and post-license education by people of all ages led to improvements in secondary outcomes, such as performance, self-perceived driving abilities, behind-the-wheel driving performance, and even a small decrease in traffic offenses. However, education was not effective in reducing crashes or injuries, either at the individual or community level” (Akbari et al., 2021).

The lack of evidence that driver education is an effective approach to reducing crashes or injuries might be due to ineffective teaching methods and it appears necessary to change the method or

content of driving education since the current approaches to driving education do not reduce traffic crashes or injuries.

Adding the prerequisite of formal driver education would only serve to marginalize those who cannot afford the classes.

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Driver's Ed need to remain it's own curriculum and does not belong in the health curriculum. Our students deserve a health class that does not just highlight important relevant topics for teens and adults because there are too many topics to be covered in the curriculum.



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