

Teen Driver Safety Parental Awareness & Education Programs



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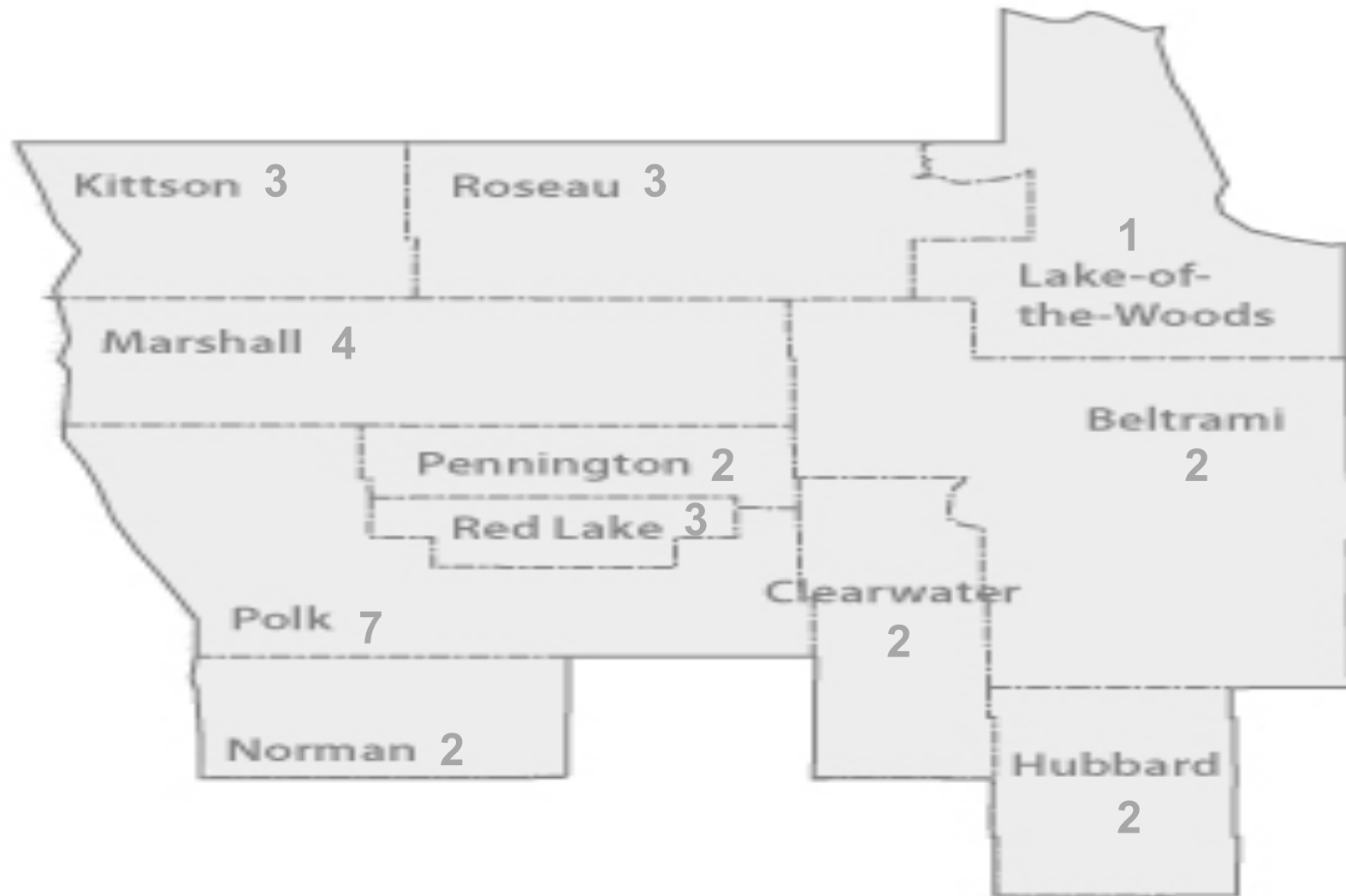
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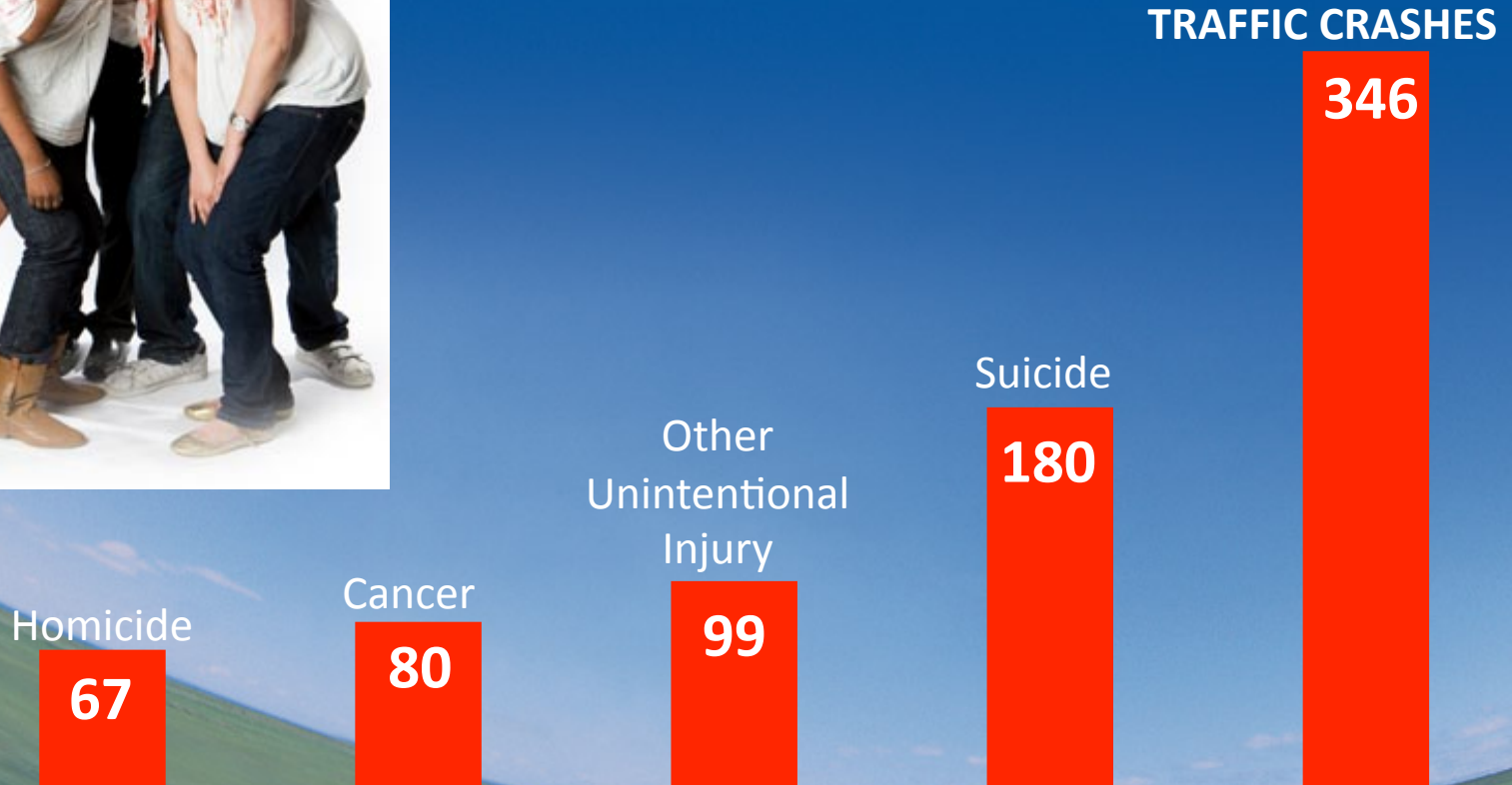
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31 Driver Education Providers



Top five causes of death for Minnesota's 15-17 year olds, 2001 - 2010



Source: Minnesota Department of Health

What the Experts Say

More effective parental involvement holds significant promise for further reducing young driver crashes.

Journal of Safety Research

Parent-teen interactions may cut teen crash risks in half.

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia



2010 Subaru Commercial



“I firmly believe that an effective driver education program – along with proven safety legislation, active law enforcement and positive engagement of parents, schools and other community members – is an important element in a program to protect these young drivers.”



David L. Strickland, Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Parents Need to Understand

- REAL Teen Driving Risks
- Teen Driving Laws
- Important Role of Parents
- Resources for Parents

“Good” kids make mistakes and crash, too!

Parents need to make decisions with SAFETY as the priority over convenience!



Question #2 of 8:

For the second 6 months of licensure, teen drivers are allowed only _____ passenger(s) under age 20 who are not members of the driver's immediate family, unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- a.)0 b.)1 c.)2 d.)3 e.)4 f.)No Limit



What are the *REAL* Teen Driving Risks?

Speeding
No Seat Belt
Inexperience
Alcohol/Drugs
Drowsy/Sleepy
Teen Passengers
Nighttime Hours
No Adult Supervision
Texting Internet Cell Phone
6 – 12 Months After Licensed

Invincibility
Peer Pressure
Brain Development

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Parent/Teen Class

- 1.5 hours
- Parents & Teens – *Pre-Permit or Permit*
- Customizable
- Engage Parents – Emotional Appeal
- Community: Law Enforcement, EMS,
- Evaluations

Risks

Laws

Parental Role

Resources



Question #3 of 8:

A parent can withdraw consent for their child (under age 18), to drive by submitting a form to the Department of Public Safety.

True

False

Question #4 of 8:

It's illegal for a 16-year-old licensed teen driver to use a cell phone while driving.

True

False



Pilot Program

- One Class
- Outline & Discussion Guide
- Power Point Presentation
- Emotional Appeal
- Printed Materials
- Pre & Post Awareness Surveys
- Class Evaluations
- Presenter Evaluations

Risks

Laws

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Insurance and Legal Responsibilities

Sample Insurance Quote

MALE GOOD STUDENT, Age 16				
	Clean Record	One Ticket	One Crash	DWI
Monthly Premium	\$131.57	\$148.82	\$171.04	\$484.02
6-Month Premium	\$804.40	\$907.90	\$1,045.72	\$2,919.10

FEMALE GOOD STUDENT, Age 16				
	Clean Record	One Ticket	One Crash	DWI
Monthly Premium	\$87.77	\$103.12	\$114.01	\$382.97
6-Month Premium	\$541.60	\$633.70	\$704.08	\$2,312.80



Parents Do Make a Difference!

POSITIVE PARENTING:

Provide limits, sets clear rules & boundaries, encourages independence

**SHOULDER
TO SHOULDER**
Raising Teens Together



www.shouldertoshoulderminnesota.org

Positive Parenting is Ideal

POSITIVE PARENTING

is warm, supportive and encouraging while being firm, consistent and clear with limits and boundaries.

- HIGH** Nurturance
- HIGH** Expectations
- HIGH** Respect

"I'm important in my teen's life. We have some good times & some bad times, but I'm there for the long run."

DOMINATING PARENTING

is harsh, punitive and rigid.

- LOW** Nurturance
- HIGH** Expectations
- LOW** Respect

"I need to really clamp down now that he's a teen.. If you give him an inch, he'll take a mile"

PERMISSIVE PARENTING

is inconsistent enforcement of rules, or no rules at all and a need to be a pal, more than a parent.

- HIGH** Nurturance
- LOW** Expectations
- MODERATE** Respect

"I really want to enjoy parenting my teen. It's important for them to fit in & have what they want, & not have too many rules. We get along better that way."

UNENGAGED PARENTING

is inconsistent presence in a child's life - teens raise themselves.

- LOW** Nurturance
- LOW** Expectations
- LOW** Respect

"It's time to let go now that my child's grown up. It's time to get my needs met. He can take care of himself."

Supervised Driving Log

Date & Time	Driving Time	Day or Night	Environment (Rural, Freeway, etc.)	Weather Conditions	Skills Practiced
Jan. 20 1 – 2 p.m.	2 hours	Day	Gravel roads in the country	Snowing	Curves, emergency stops, intersections
Feb. 2 7 – 8:30 p.m.	1.5 hours	Night	Two-lane paved highway	Dark, Clear roads	Looking way ahead, Not looking at oncoming traffic



Driving Contract

As a new driver I promise to:

- Always wear my seat belt and require all passengers to do so.
- Never drive after consuming alcohol or drugs.
- Be a passenger only with drivers who are alcohol- and drug-free.
- Always call for a ride if it's not safe to drive or ride.
- Be a courteous driver.
- Call if I will be more than _____ minutes late.
- Drive at safe speeds for road conditions — at or below the speed limit.
- Never engage in racing, stunts, or other thrill-seeking activities.
- Not conceal tickets, warnings, or crashes.
- Not drive when fatigued.
- Never use a cell phone or other electronic device when driving.
- Not drive aggressively, tailgate, or speed up to get through yellow lights.
- Not allow anyone else to drive the car.
- Abide by passenger and night driving provisions.
- Other: _____

As your parent/guardian I promise to:

- Be available for practice on a variety of road types and driving conditions.
- Be available to pick you up if it's not safe for you to drive or ride.
- Other: _____

We agree to the following:

(Review these provisions periodically) Number of passengers under age 20 allowed during first year of licensure:

Months 1-6 None One*
Months 7-12 None One Two Three*
After one year of licensure None One Two Three

*Maximum allowed by law

Seat Belts: All passengers will wear a seat belt at all times.

Nighttime driving limitations during the first year of licensure:

Months 1-6, no driving from: Midnight to 5 a.m. _____ p.m. or dark to 5 a.m.
(as required by law) (use this option to extend the nighttime driving limitation)

Months 7-12, no driving from: Midnight to 5 a.m. _____ p.m. or dark to 5 a.m. _____ to

Road Conditions: Good weather All weather Low-traffic volume High-traffic volume

Teen's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____



Question #5 of 8:

During the first 6 months of licensure, teen drivers are prohibited from driving between _____ and _____, unless they are accompanied by someone 25 or older.

- a.) 9 p.m. & 5 a.m.
- b.) 11 p.m. & 6 a.m.
- c.) Midnight & 5 a.m.



Withdrawal of Parental Consent



MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DRIVER AND VEHICLE SERVICES

Withdrawal of Parental Consent / Voluntary Surrender

Print this completed form. The form can be mailed or submitted in person to Driver and Vehicle Services, 445 Minnesota Street – Ste. 170, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-5170. It may be also be faxed to 651-282-2463

- If you have questions or need additional information, please contact DVS at 651-296-2025 or 651-282-6555 (TTY)
- To ensure that this request is processed in a timely manner, please type or print legibly.

Name (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL)

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

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DL Number (OMIT DASHES)

A. Withdrawal of Parental Consent / Voluntary Surrender

I am requesting that Driver and Vehicle Services cancel the driving privileges of the above-named child, who is under age 18.



Pilot Programs Completed

- United Driving School - *Winona, Wabasha, Lewiston, Luverne*
- Great Plains Driving School – Worthington
- Safety & Respect Driving School – Mankato
- Gibbon, Fairfax, Winthrop Schools - Fairfax
- Shakopee Community Education – Shakopee
- New Prague Community Education – New Prague
- *Lafayette High School - *Red Lake Falls*
- Marshall Community Education – Marshall

**ALL PILOT PARTICIPANTS CONTINUE TO OFFER
PARENT CLASSES**



Pilot Programs in Planning Stage

Hastings Community Education

AAA Minneapolis Driving School



Considering a Pilot Program

- Cambridge-Isanti Schools
- Collins Driving School – Lakefield
- M.A.C.C.R.A.Y. High School – Clara City
- Pillager High School
- Staples-Motley Community Education
- Esse Driving School – Chanhassen
- Bloomington Public Schools
- Richfield Community Education
- Watertown-Mayer Community Education
- Duluth & Hermantown Public Schools



Using Materials to Enhance Existing Parent Classes

Warren, Alvarado, Oslo High School - Warren

Wheels Driving Academy - Big Lake

Kenyon - Wanamingo High School - Kenyon



Question #6 of 8:

It's illegal for _____ to text or access the Internet, when the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic.

a.) Teen drivers only

b.) All drivers



Pilot Results

<u>Knowledge of Laws:</u>	<u>Pre</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Consent Withdrawal:	95%	98.5%	+3.5%
Texting:	85.5%	91%	+5.5%
Cell Use:	91%	98%	+7%
Seat Belts:	87%	97%	+10%
Greatest Risk:	82.5%	92%	+9.5%
Passengers (First 6):	63%	87%	+24%
Nighttime Restriction:	43%	86%	+43%
Passengers (Sec. 6):	23%	79.5%	+56.5



Pilot Results

Confidence Understanding Teen Driving Laws:

<u>Pre</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Difference</u>
36%	74%	+38%

99.5% Will use the information

98.5% Would recommend class to other parents

Class Rating:

Excellent: 63%

Good: 35%

Fair: 2% (attributed to having a bad hair day)

Poor: 0%



Question #7 of 8:

Minnesota law requires _____ to be buckled up or to be in a proper child restraint.

- a.) Only front seat occupants
- b.) All occupants
- c.) Only those under age 18



Question #8 of 8:

A person's greatest lifetime chance of being in a fatal crash occurs _____

- a.) During the first 6 - 12 months after receiving a license.
- b.) When issued an instruction permit and learning how to drive.
- c.) After reaching the legal drinking age of 21.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Get to know your driver educators
2. Learn about their program
3. Discuss the importance of parental involvement
4. Discuss the pilot program
5. Offer your assistance and support
6. Contact me for information, questions, etc.
7. Follow through



Answers:

1. "B" *One Passenger*
2. "D" *Three Passengers*
3. "TRUE" *A parent can withdraw consent*
4. "TRUE" *Teen cell phone use is illegal*
5. "C" *Midnight to 5 a.m.*
6. "B" *Illegal for ALL drivers to text*
7. "B" *Seat belts required for ALL*
8. "A" *Highest Risk first 6 – 12 mo's licensed*



Questions?

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