

“The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.”

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“Driving is a privilege not a right”

## What are the **REAL** Teen Driving Risks?

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

***“Good” kids make mistakes and crash, too!***

## Question #1 of 8:

For the first 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



## 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



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**

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Question #4 of 8:

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

**True**

**False**

## 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.



## 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





## 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.**

# MARSHALL DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Co-sponsored by Marshall Public Schools and Marshall Community Services
- Brief History
- Staff – Experienced and MDTSEA members (Advisory Board)

# WHAT IS MDTSEA?

## MINNESOTA DRIVER AND TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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- A professional organization of driver educators in Minnesota
- Minnesota licensed teachers – State Board of Teaching Driver's Education (St. Cloud)
- Purpose: teach young people to drive safely and defensively
- Regional workshops and spring conference
- Lobby legislature on Minnesota's traffic laws and regulations
- MDTSEA newsletter "Milepost" publication

# MARSHALL DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAM

- 250 students (youth and adult) year round program
- Required 38 hours – three phases (classroom, simulation and Behind the Wheel)
- Key note speakers include: law enforcement, insurance agents, snowplow/school bus/truck drivers
- New! Parent-Teen session implemented/ developed by MN Youth Traffic Safety Council – Dept. of Traffic Safety

## PARENT-TEEN SESSION WILL:

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- Assist parents in their awareness of the common risks for their teen driver
- Increase parents' understanding in the strong influence they have on their teen's driving behavior
- Provide information and tools they can use to help support their teen in driving safety

# “PARENTS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT INSTRUCTORS IN THEIR CHILD’S DRIVER’S TRAINING PROCESS” – NOT REVERSED!

- Minimum of 30-50 hours during permit phase plus additional hours after obtaining license
- Practice and more practice during ALL types of conditions – weather, day/night, winter, icy, gravel, etc.
- Positive Parenting! Expect resistance and pre-determine consequences
- Understand the Minnesota Graduated Driver’s License (GDL) process – 3 stages: permit, provisional & full

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# CHANGES AND CHALLENGES



# THE PAST

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- Do you remember your driver's training experience?
- 35 millimeter projectors, VHS, copiers, Behind the Wheel, straight sticks, power steering, roll up windows, no seat belts

# THE PRESENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Technology – laptops, smart boards, anti-lock brakes, locking doors, GPS, park assist, rearview cameras, etc.
- Cell phones, texting, internet – distracted driving
- New required curriculums – organ donation, carbon monoxide poisoning, submersion in water, bus/truck information

# ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES

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-  Cultural and language barriers?
-  Single parent families?
-  Expenses – cost of gas, insurance
-  More technology – Is this good? Is the auto industry willing to change?
-  Safer environment to practice – Marshall MERIT Center

## Answers:

1. “b” *One Passenger*
2. “d” Three Passengers
3. “True” A parent can withdraw consent
4. “True” It is illegal for teen cell phone use
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

# Pilot Results (as of April 6)

12 Classes

227 Parents

<u>Knowledge of Laws</u>	<i>Pre</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Difference</i>
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%

<u>Knowledge of Laws</u>	<u>Pre</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Passengers (First 6):	63%	87%	+24%
Nighttime Restriction:	43%	86%	+43%
Passengers (Second 6):	23%	79.5%	+56.5

### 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 the Class to  
Other Parents**

**Class Rating:**

 **Excellent 63%**

 **Good 35%**

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

**Poor 0%**

# Parent/Teen Class

- 1.5 hours
- Parents & Teens
- Customizable
- Engage Parents – Emotional Appeal
- Community: Law Enforcement, EMS, .....
- Evaluations

**Risks**

**Laws**

**Parental Role**

**Resources**



# Driver Education Parent Class Survey

*“Does your driver education program include a parent classroom session?”*

238 Surveyed

184 (77%) Responses

59 (33%) Have a Parent Class

123 (67%) No Parent Class

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25 (14%) Interested in Pilot Program



**Thank You!**