

NATIONAL OVERVIEW OF DRIVER EDUCATION

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Executive Summary

Background

In the 1970s, 95% of eligible students received Driver Education coursework in all states and the District of Columbia. Hence, in most states, one to five staff support members were responsible for supervising driver education programs. There were funds available to state driver education programs to allow for program delivery and effective monitoring.

Currently, there are minimal or no funds available in each state and jurisdiction for effective program management. There are seventeen state supervisors of driver education programs. The majority of the programs have only one person designated to manage the entire state.

As a result, many people do not know what is happening in their own state or neighboring states regarding their driver education. Due to a decrease in funding and staff, there are few records available regarding the number of students attending or successfully completing driver education programs. The programs often lack monitoring, so they do not satisfy state requirements, (if they are still noted and in effect). Most programs in the public schools are offered after school, weekends or over the summer. Some programs are offered in commercial schools for a fee, or through parent-taught programs. Documents regarding driver education or licensing requirements for each state are often inaccurate or out of date.

Approach

An investigation was undertaken to collect information from the 50 states and the District of Columbia regarding their driver education requirements, delivery systems, teacher training and licensing requirements for novice drivers under age 18. When available, information was obtained regarding available funding for the programs. This data was collected through a comprehensive web based investigation, personal interviews and document collection and review.

Method

Through the use of web based documents, documents received through mailings and electronic means, personal interviews and electronic surveys, approximately 1475 pages of rough data were collected. This data was then condensed and developed into individual state summaries. Documents of importance were inserted into the summaries and further synthesized into individual state tables thus leading to a total of approximately 440 pages of data.

A document was then developed that comprised four sections. The first contains a General Report on Findings. Section Two contains one page charts covering various topics for each state. This information is a condensed version of Section Three. Section Three holds multiple page summaries about each state's driver education and driver licensing programs. Section Four outlines products and services available to driver and safety educators.

General Report

Diver Education Programs

It was found that 20 states utilized a 30 hour classroom program and six hour behind the wheel program with or without any simulation, range or observation time in replacing behind the wheel time.

Program Type	Number of States
30 & 6 only	20
30 & 6 plus an additional 1-4 hour course	2 (Colorado, Kentucky)
Competency Based*	2 (AL, KS)
Other**	27 (also includes Colorado and Kentucky in this figure)

*Please note that competency based programs mean that the student has not successfully completed the approved driver education program unless certain skills are met at a particular level of performance. They are there to show performance competency, not success on an exam. There are minimum class times listed in summaries, (Alabama & Kansas).

30 & 6 Only States, (Observation, Simulation or Range time can substitute actual behind the wheel to some degree, usually specified in a ratio format).

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| Arizona | Maine | Pennsylvania |
| Georgia | Maryland | Tennessee |
| Idaho | Minnesota | Utah |
| Illinois | Mississippi | Vermont |
| Indiana | Missouri | Washington |
| Iowa | North Dakota | Wisconsin |
| Louisiana | | Wyoming |

**Please note under Other, there are 27 states that utilize unique methods of instruction in their state instruction. For information on these programs, please refer to the information below:

State	Requirements
Alaska	6 hours b/w
Arkansas	30 c/r; 6 b/w; 6 observation
California	30 c/r; 6 b/w; 6 observation
Colorado	30 c/r; 6 b/w; + 4 c/r
Connecticut	30 c/r; 8 b/w; (22 c/r & 8 b/w at home)
Delaware	30 c/r; 7 b/w
DC	40 practice hours + 10 additional at night
Florida	4 hour DATA course
Hawaii	30 c/r; 6 b/w or sim; + 2 additional b/w
Kentucky	30 c/r; 6 b/w + 4 hour course within 1 year of licensure
Massachusetts	30 c/r; 6 b/w; 6 observation
Michigan	Seg I 24 c/r; 6 b/w Seg II 30 of 50 practice hours complete before starting segment II instruction
Montana	42 c/r; 6 b/w; 12 observation
Nebraska	Minimum 20 c/r; 5 b/w
State	Requirements
Nevada	30 c/r; max 5 b/w counting toward classroom hours at a rate of 3:1
New Hampshire	30 c/r; 10 b/w; 6 observation
New Jersey	30 c/r; 15 simulation or 3-6 b/w
New Mexico	33 c/r; 7 b/w
New York	24 c/r; 6 b/w; 18 observation
North Carolina	30 c/r
Ohio	24 c/r; 8 b/w
Oklahoma	30 c/r; 55 b/w – part of the 55 hours falls into at home practice, exact numbers are not given
Oregon	30 c/r; 6 b/w; 6 observation
Rhode Island	33 c/r
South Carolina	30 c/r; 6 b/w; 6 observation – 12 hours of simulation can replace 3 hours of b/w
Texas	32 c/r; 7 observation; 7 b/w
Virginia	36 c/r; 7 b/w; 7 observation

Licensing Requirements (Graduated Driver Licensing, GDL)

Below is a table showing the number of and percentage of states utilizing several common GDL requirements. Some unique examples of requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Requiring an educational course after moving violations
- Driver education lessens parent practice hours
- Driving restrictions by area, date and time

Requirement	Number of States with Requirement
Driver Education	31
Minimum Age*	51
Holding Period	47
Parent Practice	39
Night Restrictions	45
Passenger Restrictions	39

*Minimum age to start all parts of licensure programs varies from state to state. For example, in one state you may begin the licensure process at 14.5 where others you may have to be 16. Please see the state summaries and charts for this information. Similarly, hours of parent practice, night driving and curfew restrictions also vary.

Information Regarding Other Topics

The following topics are commented on within the overview document for some states. Please note, information on these topics were not reported on for over half of the states through survey, official documents, web documents or personal interviews.

- Reimbursement amounts for students in public schools taking and/or completing an approved driver education course
- The number of students under 18 taking courses or receiving licenses
- The number of credentialed teachers and their credentialing requirements
- Additional funding or funding formulas

According to some respondents during personal interviews, individual states had no real reporting and supervising body. Therefore, there was not true accountability in regard to their driver education programs and no one truly in the know of what happens in that state.

Information below covers the agency or individual in charge of Educational and Licensure programs in each state. A chart simplifies this information and a key is located below for any acronyms. Below that is a verbal and percentile based explanation of this information.

Agency/Individual in Charge of Programs

This information is also contained in State Summaries and State Charts when available and differentiates public school and commercial school supervisory bodies.

State	Education / Public or Commercial (if one agency is listed, its assumed to oversee both)	Licensing	Not Disclosed (X)
Alabama	DOE	DPS	
Alaska	DOE	DMV	
Arizona	DOE/Ed Agency	DOT/DMV	
Arkansas			X
California	P – DOE C – DMV	DMV	
Colorado	DOR	DOT	
Connecticut	DMV	DMV	
Delaware	Secretary of Ed	DMV	
DC	DMV	DMV	
Florida	DMV	DMV	
Georgia	DDS	DDS	
Hawaii	P - DOE C - DOT	DMV	
Idaho	DOE	DOT	
Illinois	P - State Board C - DDS	DDS	
Indiana	P – DOE C- DMV	BMV	
Iowa	P – DOE C - DOT	DOT	
Kansas	SBE	DOT	
Kentucky	Transportation Cabinet	DDL; State Police	
Louisiana	DOE	Dept of Public Safety, Office of MV	
Maine	DE Unit	BMV	
Maryland	MVA	MVA	
Massachusetts	RMV	RMV	
Michigan	DOS	DOS	
Minnesota	DPS	DPS	
Mississippi	DOE; no commercial	DPS	
Missouri	DOE	DL Office	
Montana	Office of Public Inst	Dept of Justice	
Nebraska	DMV	DMV	
Nevada	DMV	DMV	
New Hampshire	P - DOE; C- DPS	DMV	
New Jersey	MVC	MVC	
New Mexico	TSB	TSB	
New York	DMV	DMV	
North Carolina	DOE	DMV	
North Dakota	DPI – Public Highway Patrol – Commercial	DOT	
Ohio	Dept of Public Safety	DPS	
Oklahoma	DOE	DMV	
Oregon	TSD & ODOT	ODOT & DMV	
Pennsylvania	DOE	DOT	
Rhode Island	CCRI	DMV	
South Carolina	DOE	Highway Dept & DMV	

South Dakota		Driver License Office	
Tennessee	DOS	DMV	
Texas	TX Ed Agency – Public Driver Training Div – Commercial	DOS	
Utah	State Board of Ed	Driver License Division	
Vermont	DOE – Public DMV – Commercial	DMV	
Virginia	DOE	DMV	
Washington	P – DOL C – DMV	DOL	
West Virginia	Board of Education	DMV	
Wisconsin	State of WI, OPSI	BDS/DMV	
Wyoming	DOE	DOT	

Key:

DOE: Department of Education

DOT: Department of Transportation

DMV: Department of Motor Vehicles or Division of Motor Vehicles

DOR: Department of Revenue

DOS: Department of State

MVA: Motor Vehicle Association

BMV: Bureau of Motor Vehicles

RMV: Registry of Motor Vehicles

DPS: Department of Public Safety

SBE: State Board of Education

TSB: Traffic Safety Bureau

DOL: Department of Licensing

BDS: Bureau of Driver Services

DPI: Department of Public Instruction

Educational Program Administration

Not all states specify a difference in administration of public and commercial school programs within the literature interview materials condensed. It is assumed in most cases that the same entities supervise both.

In terms of the number of educational agencies overseeing driver education programs, 30 are overseen by an educational entity. Twenty-four programs are overseen by driver licensing or motor vehicle entities. In four cases educational programs are overseen by some other type of agency such as law enforcement, a department of revenue or a legislative body. Only two states did not note this information.

Curriculum Guide Information

When available, official documents, electronic survey or personal interviews indicate that 33 states utilize some type of curriculum guide in conducting their driver education or awareness programs. In two instances, it is specifically noted on summary charts that a state prepared curriculum is utilized. In at least eleven cases, the ADTSEA Curriculum Guide is utilized. According to records maintained through the ADTSEA office, version 1.0 of the ADTSEA curriculum has been requested by various agencies or individuals in 33 of states.

Licensure Program Administration

In the majority of cases, a licensing entity oversees licensure programs in each state. It was found that 47 conduct licensure programs in this manner. Only one state did not note this information.

Again, number of agencies or entities controlling this area exceeds the number of states because it was found, as stated earlier in this report, that some states do have one entity overseeing public schools, and another entity overseeing commercial schools. In 19, states it was found that one agency oversaw both educational and licensure programs.

Conclusions

Significant information has been collected concerning driver education in the United States. While this overview has collected a great deal of the data on the status of driver education, it does provide a significant description.

This data will serve as a basis for providing information to state holders on driver education. Individuals can refer to the summary pages or directly to the state specific descriptions to help answer questions concerning driver education. As these materials are used, they will also be checked for accuracy and updated as needed.

To assist with continued collection of information, staff will continue to collect information by placing these materials on the ADTSEA web page and encouraging states to review and update material in their states. As a component of the state administrators' workshop, these materials will be available to participating states to update their state specific material.

State Summary Charts

Alabama		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 Hours Classroom 12 Hours Simulation; 3 Hours In Car	98% of public schools offer DE Performance based curriculum for in car
Curriculum Guide	State DOE Prepared Guide	Also note that a respondent from the state commented that CR and BTW were competency based.
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	State DOE offers two week certification class	DOE Supervises
Number of Required Courses	Two	The University of Montevallo offers certification in driver education
Number of Credits	40 hours, six credits & two years teaching experience	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE (Assumed)	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DPS Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None if taking driver education; 30 if not taking	
Night time Restrictions	12a-6a	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 4, including parent	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	
		Approx 120,000 15-18 year olds receive a license each year

Alaska		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Six hours b/w training	No classroom instruction listed
Curriculum Guide	Not Note	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Not Noted	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Division of Motor Vehicles Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	1a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	None under 21 except siblings	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	
		16,649 aged 15-18 receive a license per year.

Arizona		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Not Noted	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w or equivalent	
Curriculum Guide	Not Note	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	Motor Vehicle Division Overseas
Number of Required Courses	Three with Lab	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 1. Public Schools 2. Commercials Schools	DOE/Local Education Agency DOE/ Local Education Agency	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 7m	DOT DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	5 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	No intermediate stare	
Parent/Guardian Practice	Completed driver ed course or certify 25 hours with 5 at night	
Night Time Restrictions	None	
Passenger Restrictions	16	
		42,803 aged 15-18 receive a license per year

Arkansas		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction	30 hours classroom (must not complete in less than 15 days)	6 hours b/w with at least 2 on street 6 hours observation
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	ADE/ADWE Oversees
Number of Required Courses	Three	
Number of Credits	Six Credits and exam	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 1. Public Schools 2. Commercials Schools	Not Noted	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14	Not Noted
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	No Intermediate stage	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Night time Restrictions	None	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

California		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom instruction	6 hours ods; 6 hours driving (can not be contracted to commercial sch.)
Curriculum Guide		
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	DMV Oversees
Number of Required courses	Available at Fresno State only	Courses not listed
Number of Credits	No long dist programs permitted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 1. Public Schools 2. Commercials Schools	Dept of Education DMV	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	12a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers under 20 for first 6 months; except immediate family	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

Colorado		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver education
Required for Licensing	4 hour course required	
Hours of Instruction & Type	4 hour awareness course, 30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required courses	25 years old and appropriate training	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 1. Public Schools 2. Commercials Schools	Department of Revenue Department of Revenue	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	12a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No Passengers first six months, only one permitted for next six	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

Connecticut		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Commercial or secondary = 30 hours and 8 hours b/w	Home school = hours classroom, 8 hours b/w
Curriculum Guide	Resources listed in summary	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 1. Public Schools 2. Commercials Schools	Department of Motor Vehicles Department of Motor Vehicles	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months; 4 months with de	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 4m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	Up to 20 hours	
Night time Restrictions	12a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	None for the first 6 months other than parent/guardian	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

Delaware		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom; 7 hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Secretary of Education Secretary of Education	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 10m	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 4m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Night time Restrictions	10p-6a	
Passenger Restrictions	No More than two passengers; cell phone used prohibited	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 10m	

DC		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	40 Practice Hours and certificate of eligibility are all required	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Not Noted	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DMV DMV	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours in permit stage, 10 additional at night in inter/jr license stage	
Night time Restrictions	Varies by months; 11p-6a	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers, first six months; after, no more than two	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

Florida		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, DATA Course	
Hours of Instruction & Type	DATA = a four hour course; but driver education is recommended	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	DOE Oversees
Number of Required courses	3	
Number of Credits	(2) 9 semester hours in driver edu	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 3. Public Schools 4. Commercials Schools	Department of Motor Vehicles Department of Motor Vehicles	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	Licensing Exam is on line
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	11p-6a (16y) 1a-5a (17y)	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	
		779,237 aged 15-18 licensed per year

Georgia		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No; Reduces Parent Practice if taken	In 2007 you must have driver education prior to licensing
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom; six hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes: to teach school for elective credit	
Number of Required courses	Three courses	No requirements if outside of school day
Number of Credits	Nine credits	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 5. Public Schools 6. Commercials Schools	Dept. of Driver Services Dept. of Driver Services	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept. of Driver Services
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	With driver ed; 20 hours with 6 at night; without, 40 hours with 6 at night	
Night time Restrictions	12a-6a	
Passenger Restrictions	None for the first 6 months; no more than three under 21	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	
		TADRA is the name of the GA GDL Program

Hawaii		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours of classroom and 6 hours of behind the wheel, or a simulator course and 2 hours driving	DOE 31 class, includes one hour parent mandatory orientation
Curriculum Guide	Yes	ADTSEA Curriculum
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	104 Contact Hours; private 122 Contact Hours; DOE	State approved CDRE instructors provide training
Number of Required courses	Two courses	Training course certified by DOE DOT
Number of Credits	None (not applicable)	
Recertification Requirements	DOT requires renewal every 5 years	Must submit proof of cont. ed., clear abstract, clear FBI, Crim. Justice checks.
State Supervising 7. Public Schools 8. Commercial Schools	DOE & DOT DOT	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours prior to Inter License	
Night time Restrictions	11p-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one under 18, unless household family	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	
		Train 6000 annually

Idaho		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Not Noted	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom; 6 hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes; in Public Schools	SDE Teacher Cert. Dept. Oversees
Number of Required courses	University & Online	
Number of Credits	4 Semester Credits	
Recertification Requirements	15 hours every two years	
State Supervising 9. Public Schools 10. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14y, 6m	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	15	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	Sunset to sunrise	
Passenger Restrictions	Only one non-relative in car for first 6 months of license	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	
		47,607 aged 15-18 licensed per year

Illinois		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom; 6 hours b/w, 3 hours b/w must be on street	Simulators supplement 6 hours at 4:1 Range time supplemented at 2:1
Curriculum Guide	Yes, required	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	If teaching High School must be a certified teacher with a Driver Education Endorsement	
Number of Required courses	Four Courses	
Number of Credits	16 semester hour credits in the field	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 11. Public Schools 12. Commercial Schools	State Board Dept. of Driver Services	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y	Dept. of Driver Services Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	3 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	25 hours With long but no certification needed	
Night time Restrictions	11p-6a (Sun-Fri) 12:01a-5a (Sat-Sun)	
Passenger Restrictions	First 6 months, no more than one passenger under 20	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

Indiana		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w	Simulators or range time can supplement part of 6 hours at 4:1
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Exam	DOE Oversees
Number of Required courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 13. Public Schools 14. Commercial Schools	DOE DMV	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y	Bureau of Motor Vehicles Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	2 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 1m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Night time Restrictions	11p-5a (Sun-Fri), 1a-5a (Sat-Sun)	
Passenger Restrictions	First 90 days, no passengers	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

Iowa		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom (<180 max per day), 6 hours b/w (3 hours of b/w highway driving) if there is simulator or range	BTW must be completed within 30 days after classroom completed
Curriculum Guide	No	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes for classroom BTW is certification w/25 hours of class & 10 hours of observation	
Number of Required courses	Hold valid license to teach in pub. sch.; 25 years old and valid license for BTW	9 credit hours for endorsement
Number of Credits	9 hours for endorsement, 25 clock hours +10 hours of observation	
Recertification Requirements	Teacher 8 hours every 5 years, BTW cert. 8 hours/years (1 class)	No requirement that it be driver ed. related
State Supervising 15. Public Schools 16. Commercial Schools	DOT DOT	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	20 hours, with 2 at night	
Night time Restrictions	GDL 12:30a-5a 10p-6a – minor school license	
Passenger Restrictions	Seat belt for each passenger	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

Kansas		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, age 15	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Not less than 8 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w: equaling not less than 20 hours total	Some documents note: Competency based, how ever long it takes
Curriculum Guide	Modeling standards with ADTSEA national stadards	Virtual Learning also accepted
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Endorsement required from accredited college	Out of state courses are required, Philosophy, lab, class content
Number of Required courses	Three	DOE Oversees
Number of Credits	Nine Semester Hours	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 17. Public Schools 18. Commercial Schools	State board of education State board of education	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	Certificate of completion in driver education waives the licensing tests
Minimum Intermediate License Age	n/a	
Parent/Guardian Practice	25 hrs in learner stage, 25 hrs before age 16, 10 of which must be at night	
Night time Restrictions	n/a	
Passenger Restrictions	n/a	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16; at age 15 you can get a license if you complete driver education	
		19,200 take de 131,414 aged 15-18 receive a license

Kentucky		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, 4 hour GDL Course	
Hours of Instruction & Type	4 hour GDL course within 1 year of license or high school courses at 30 and 6	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes, see requirements in Summary	
Number of Required courses	"	
Number of Credits	"	
Recertification Requirements	"	
State Supervising 19. Public Schools 20. Commercials Schools	The Transportation Cabinet The Transportation Cabinet	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	Division of Driver Licensing and State Police Oversee
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	n/a	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Night time Restrictions	12a-6a	
Passenger Restrictions	n/a	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

Louisiana		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w or 12 hours of simulator training required	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required courses	10 hours of training in 5 topics	
Number of Credits	5	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 21. Public Schools 22. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept. of Public Safety Office of Motor Vehicles Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	3 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Night time Restrictions	11p-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	None; at permit stage only one licensed adult	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

Maine		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, at age 16	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	Bureau of motor Vehicles Oversees
Number of Required courses	1 from Red Cross or Safety Council & pass examinations	
Number of Credits	5 courses if applying for a class A cert	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising 23. Public Schools 24. Commercial Schools	Driver Education Unit Driver Education Unit	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	BMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	35 hours with 5 at night	
Night time Restrictions	12a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers for first 180 days	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16, if completed DE	

Maryland		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes; all new drivers	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w	Home training is not permitted
Curriculum Guide	Yes	ADTSEA Based
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	No College Degree 68 Hours formalized training offered by licensed trainers	
Number of Required courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	Must Pass test given by MVA
Recertification Requirements	Licensed every two years	Complete two professional development courses provided by MVA
State Supervising 25. Public Schools 26. Commercial Schools	MVA MVA	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 9m	MVA Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 3m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	60 hours with 10 at night, cell phones prohibited	Must sign it to certify they've provided the practice
Night time Restrictions	12a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	First 5 months, no passengers younger than 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17y, 9m	
		Training 70, 000 per year

Massachusetts		
Questions	Response	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w, 6 hrs obs	
Curriculum Guide	Yes; Minimum required stated	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Registry of Motor Vehicles Registry of Motor Vehicles	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	Registry of Motor Vehicles oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 Months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	12 hrs, 6 hrs observation	
Night time Restrictions	12a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	First 6 months, no passengers under 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

Michigan		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes; for those under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Seg 1:24 hrs class, 6 hrs b/w; Seg 2:6 hrs class, 30 of required 50 hrs before Seg 2	2 Segment Approach
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Public school; hold a Michigan teaching certificate plus 8 semester credits	
Number of Required Courses	Everyone must have 8 semester credits	
Number of Credits	8	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of State Department of State	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14y, 9m	Registry of Motor Vehicles oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 Months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	Level 1: 30 hrs w/10 at night (30 of which must be done in seg 1)	To move to Level 2: Must have 50 total with 10 at night
Night time Restrictions	12a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	
		Segment 1: 120,000 go through driver education; Segment 2: 106,000. 382,000 aged 15-18 licensed per year

Minnesota		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes; for those under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Minimum 30 hrs classroom, no more than 3 hrs/day, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	In public schools, must be a licensed teacher	Commercial school requires 40 hours of instruction and exam by Public Safety
Number of Required Courses	Standards based program that meets ADTSEA nine semester credits	
Number of Credits	9	
Recertification Requirements	None Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of Public Safety Department of Public Safety	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 total hours: 30 hrs w/10 at night plus additional 10 hrs at intermediate stage	
Night time Restrictions	None	
Passenger Restrictions	None, all passengers under 18 must be belted	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	
		149,859 aged 15-18 licensed per year

Mississippi		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w w/ 2:1 ratio obs time toward b/w	12 hours simulator; state provides 40 mobile simulator units
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Must be a licensed teacher	
Number of Required Courses	12 hrs of course work	
Number of Credits	Endorsement in Driver Education Additional credits for simulation needed, but not specified.	
Recertification Requirements	Same as other teachers in the state	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE Doesn't have Commercial schools	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14 (if in de) 15 if not in de	Dept of Public Safety oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	14y or 15y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Night time Restrictions	10p-6a	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	
		15,000 trained annually

Missouri		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No; But required by school districts	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 12 hrs obs, 6 hrs b/w w/a 2:1 ratio of obs toward b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Driver License Office oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	20 hours	
Night time Restrictions	1a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

Montana		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, if under 16	
Hours of Instruction & Type	42 hrs classroom, 6 b/w, 12 obs = 60 hours of structured learning	Not in less than 25 days
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Teaching certificate with a 20 hour minor	Montana State University
Number of Required Courses	Foundations course can begin with 8 quality credits with two additional	
Number of Credits	Start with 8 – working toward 20	
Recertification Requirements	Additional four hours every five years for renewal of teaching certification	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools	Must also maintain acceptable driving record or will be disqualified Office of Public Instruction	No Commercial Schools offered only through public schools
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14y, 6m / Must be enrolled in approved Driver Ed to qualify for permit under age 16	Department of Justice
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	15	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	11p-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	1st 6m no more than 1 younger than 18; 2nd 6m no more than 3 younger than 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	
		13,713 trained in c/r annually 10,421 trained b/w annually 35,675 aged 15-18 receive licenses yearly

Nebraska		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Minimum 20 hours classroom instruction with five hours of B/W	Range time can substitute B/W time at a ratio of 2:1; Sim 4:1
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	9 credit hours	
Number of Credits	9	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of Motor Vehicles Department of Motor Vehicles	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept of Motor Vehicles oversees
Minimum Holding Period	None	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours (none required with de)	
Night time Restrictions	12a-6a	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

Nevada		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, b/w counts at a 3:1 ratio toward class hrs	b/w max is 5 hrs w/15 classroom hrs
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Nevada DMV *many county/pop prov Nevada DMV *many county/pop prov	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	Nevada DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	90 Days	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	15y, 9m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hrs w/10 at night, if de is not offered w/in a 30 mile radius, 100 hrs required	
Night time Restrictions	10p-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers under 18	1st 90 days for drivers under 16 1st 60 days for drivers who are 16 1st 30 days for drivers who are 17
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

New Hampshire		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Required for 16-18 year olds	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 10 hrs b/w, 6 hrs obs	+10,000 yearly taking de
Curriculum Guide	Yes (1991 No update)	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	8 credits Intro classroom, ins car = provisional 2 w/75% grade or higher w/4 additional after 2 years	
Number of Credits	Available at Keene State	
Recertification Requirements	75 hours every 3 years 60 hrs classroom teaching w/ 240 hrs for provisional to standard b/w	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	New Hampshire DOE New Hampshire DPS	Driver Ed Unit
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DMV
Minimum Holding Period	None	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	20 hours	
Night time Restrictions	1a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	For first 6 months, no more than 1 under age 25 other than family member	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17y, 1m	
		90 Public Schools 102 Commercial Schools

New Jersey		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 15 hrs sim or 3-6 hrs b/w training	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Public School: Yes Commercial: Exam	MVC Oversees
Number of Required Courses	6-8 hour National Safety Defensive Driving Program	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	MVC MVC	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	MVC oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	17	
Parent/Guardian Practice	6 months supervised practice driving	
Night time Restrictions	12:01a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 1 passenger, excluding household members	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

New Mexico		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	33 hrs classroom, 7 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Traffic Safety Bureau Traffic Safety Bureau	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Traffic Safety Bureau oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	15y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	12a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one under 21	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

New York		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	24 hrs classroom, 24 hrs b/w which includes 6 hrs actual b/w & 18 hrs obs	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	DMV oversees
Number of Required Courses	12 credits over 3 years	
Number of Credits	12	
Recertification Requirements		
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	New York DMV New York DMV	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	Up to 6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	20 hours	
Night time Restrictions	9p-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than two under 21	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	
		272,296 aged 15-18 receive licenses per year

North Carolina		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	Dept of Public Instruction oversees
Number of Required Courses	80 hr community college course or accredited de w/Dept of Pub Inst or pass commercial de exam w/ 80 or higher	East Carolina University
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Commercial School: 68 contact hours every four years	Certified teachers; no requirements
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	12 mos of supervision by a parent/guardian or supervising driver	
Night time Restrictions	9p-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one under 21, excluding family	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	
		100,000 trained annually

North Dakota		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w instruction	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	ND Legislative Branch oversees
Number of Required Courses	6 semester or 8 quarter hrs for CR 10 semester or 16 quarters for B/W	
Number of Credits	See summary for breakdown	
Recertification Requirements	Renew every five years (254)	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept of Public Instruction Highway Patrol	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14	DOT
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	n/a	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Night time Restrictions	n/a	
Passenger Restrictions	n/a	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

Ohio		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	24 hrs classroom, 8 hrs b/w instruction	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	40 hr basic training course Then they can conduct 40 hr teacher course	
Number of Required Courses	One Noted	
Number of Credits	None Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Train managers, 8 hours every 3 yrs Nothing for basic teachers	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept. of Public Safety Dept. of Public Safety	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DPS oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	1a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	None, must be buckled under 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

Oklahoma		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing		
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 55 hrs b/w	Consistent for public, Commercial or home school students
Curriculum Guide		
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required		
Number of Required Courses		
Number of Credits		
Recertification Requirements		
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DMV
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	(part of the 55 hours of b/w falls here)	True amount required not noted
Night time Restrictions	Daylight only	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one, excluding household members	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

Oregon		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w; 6 hrs obs	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Three	
Number of Credits	10 semester credits	
Recertification Requirements	Yearly – license verification Recert every two years	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	TSD & ODOT TSD & ODOT	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	ODOT & DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	100 hrs without de, 50 with de	
Night time Restrictions	12a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	1st 6 mos, no passengers under 20; 2nd 6 mos, no more than 3 under 20	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	
		10,000 trained annually 101,864 aged 15-18 receive license per year

Pennsylvania		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes; Public School	DOE oversees
Number of Required Courses	4	East Stroudsburg and IUP
Number of Credits	10	
Recertification Requirements	Yes	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	DOT oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 Months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours	
Night time Restrictions	11p-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17 with driver ed	

Rhode Island		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	33 hr classroom	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	CCRI's Division for Life Long Learning CCRI's Division for Life Long Learning	(Community College of RI) (Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	1a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	1a-5a	

South Carolina		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w, 6 hrs obs (12 hrs sim can replace 3 hrs of b/w)	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	DOE & Highway Dept
Number of Required Courses	2	Erskine College & Costal Carolina
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 3. Public Schools 4. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	12a-6a (unless parent in front seat)	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 2 under 21, excluding family to and from school	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

South Dakota		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Can receive restricted license sooner with course and at least an 80% on exam	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Specific requirements not noted	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Not Noted	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14	DL office oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months, 3 with driver ed	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	14y, 6m (14y, 3m with de)	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Night time Restrictions	10p-6a	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

Tennessee		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No Only required prior to getting an inter. license if one gets a 2nd moving violation	
Hours of Instruction & Type	State board of ed requires that it be a semester course, 30 & 6 at minimum	
Curriculum Guide	State curriculum guide revised every five years	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Must have a license in a major teaching area	
Number of Required Courses	Basic and advanced driver ed School safety Health and first aid	
Number of Credits	12 credit endorsement in driver ed	
Recertification Requirements	Normal recert for teacher licensing	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	State board of education & State department of safety	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	11p-6a	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one passenger	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	
		20% go through training

Texas		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Licensing before age 18 Yes, but can be parent taught for those under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	32 hrs classroom, 7 hrs obs w/7 hrs actual b/w, sim can be used at a 4:1 ratio	Minimum 70% grade required Parent taught
Curriculum Guide	Yes	32 hours classroom 7 hours BTW 7 hours in car practice
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes: Public School, Commercial Driver Ed	See Summary Teacher License Teacher Cert required
Number of Required Courses	See Summary	
Number of Credits	9 credit hours(135 clock hours)	In car only 6 credit hrs (90 clock hours)
Recertification Requirements	4 hours per year – commercial + 2 in defensive driving 6 hours per year - public	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Parent taught – Texas Dept. of Public Saf. Texas Education Agency C - Driver Training Division P --Texas Ed Agency	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DPS Texas Dept of Public Safety
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Night time Restrictions	12a-5a *First six months of inter license	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one under 21 Unless a family member *First six months of intermediate	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	440,446 aged 15-18 receive license per year

Utah		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Can receive instruction permit early with course	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	See Summary	
Number of Credits	28 Semester Hours	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	SBE SBE	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	Driver Licensing Division oversees
Minimum Holding Period	None	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	12a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers for the first 6 months	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

Vermont		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, if under 18	Every high school must offer for free
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	Most are 30-33 c/r, 6 b/w, 6 obs
Curriculum Guide	Yes	It's a guide – not a requirement
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Must be a certified teacher	DOE, DMV and VDTSEA oversee
Number of Required Courses	*5 to 6 courses; public and commercial	Commercial school instructors don't have to be certified teachers
Number of Credits	18 credit hours; all teachers in public school must have 9 credits every 7 years	See summary for additional
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DMV	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	None	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers for the first 3 months; only family for second	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	6 months After licensing	
*depending on background, 4 DE specific, one alcohol, one educational psychology = 6		8000 trained annually 16,432 aged 15-18 receive a license

Virginia		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes; under age 19	
Hours of Instruction & Type	36 hours classroom, 14 hours b/w where actual b/w takes up 7 hours obs	Minimum; 96% go through public c/r; 60% through b/w; 40% go through commercial
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Licensed teacher with an endorsement in driver education	
Number of Required Courses	Two	
Number of Credits	Six semester hours	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	Commercial school teachers are only required to have the endorsement
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DMV	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	9 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 3m	Issued by school
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	12a-4a	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 1 passenger under 18 during 1 st 12 months; after that no more than three passengers under 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	20	
		83,000 students trained annually

Washington		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Enrollment allows permit application at age 15 instead of 15.5	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w + 1 hour OBS	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	Inst Training is requires Minimum 100 hours to be a licensed instructor
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	8 hours per year	8 hour Cont. Ed. annually
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept. of Licensing Program	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15 & 15.5	Dept. of Licensing Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	1a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers under 20 for the 1 st 6 months; no more than 3 passengers under 20 for 2 nd 6 months (exc. Immediate family)	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17 if no infractions (1 yr)	

West Virginia		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	With an approved course, practice driving is not required	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Not Noted	
Curriculum Guide	Standards listed without time-frame	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	WV Board of Ed/DOE WV Board of Ed/DOE	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Division of Motor Vehicles Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None with driver education; 30 without	
Night time Restrictions	11p-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 3 passengers under 19	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	
		Approx 200,000 aged 15-18 receive license per year

Wisconsin		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	6 hours driving 6 hours observing Note: Comm. School can offer 9 driving &) observation	Sim can be substituted at 4:1, but 3 hrs b/w is required. Range can be sub at 2:1, 4 hrs b/w required
Curriculum Guide	Yes; state specific and using some of ADTSEA curriculum	Must teach on slow vehicles, railroads and 30 min on organ donation
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Those teaching in public school must be licensed by DPI	Commercial; training prgm approved by DOT; 40 hrs
Number of Required Courses	1 - commercial 5 - public school	
Number of Credits	15 semester credits for public school	General safety Basic DE & Advanced DE Behavioral asp & alcohol/drugs
Recertification Requirements	Yes Public 6 sem. credit/5 yrs Yes Commercial (4-6 hours/2 yrs)	Univ of Wisconsin, Whitewater and South
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Wisconsin Public Instruction DOT/DMV	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	Bureau of Driver Services/DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	30 hours with 10 at night	
Night time Restrictions	12a-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one immediate family member passenger on GDL License	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	
		40,000 public; 40,000 commercial = 80,000 annually. 156,201 aged 15-18 receive a license per year.

Wyoming		
Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Not Noted, GDL requirements indicate no	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w with simulation replacing b/w at 4:1	
Curriculum Guide		
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Each District/DOE Each District/DOE	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	10 days	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at nights	
Night time Restrictions	11p-5a	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one passenger under 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	