

“What’s new in program evaluation and improvement: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Driver Education Assessments”

Teen Traffic Safety Track
What’s New in Driver Education
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Driver Education Program Assessments

- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration state-wide assessments of driver education programs
- Based on the national driver education administrative standards
- State’s request
- Team of experts analyze and make recommendations to improve the driver education program.

Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards

- Program Administration
- Education/Training
- Instructor Qualifications
- Parent Involvement
- Coordination With Driver Licensing

Completed Assessment Reports

- Maryland
- Oregon

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/DriverEducationProgram>

Organizations Supporting Assessments

- Driving School Association of the Americas (DSAA)
- American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA)
- Driver Education and Training Administrators (DETA)

National Stakeholders in Traffic Safety Education

- American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA)
- Driving School Association of the Americas (DSAA)
- Driver Education and Training Administrators (DETA)
- Governor's Highway Safety Association
- Transportation Research Board

Stakeholders' Mission

- Promote the implementation of the standards
- Act in an advisory capacity to support the standards
- Encourage and strengthen support in the Driver Education Community to promote the standards
- Provide lessons learned and experience to States
- Identify and make recommendations concerning areas that need refined, researched, validated, revised, and standardized

Future of Driver Education

- Administration of driver education standards and policies are a State's right
- Standards function as the corner stone for State policies
 - Driver education and training should be an integral part of the GDL system.
 - Driver development should be a lifelong learning process.
 - Driver education and training should be a phased education process.
 - Driver education and training standards should administer and provide quality and uniform driver education and training.

Questions
