



Utah Driver
Education News

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Registration is now open

2023 UDTSEA DRIVER EDUCATION CONFERENCE APRIL 24, 2023

The Driver Education Conference is scheduled for Monday April 24th at the Davis Conference Center. This is the first day of the Utah Highway Safety Summit. The 2023 conference will be in person only.

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DE Law and Policy

Begins January 2, 2023

MIDAS #31794

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H EDU 350

Begins January 9, 2023

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Message from your State Specialist

As of late, we have seen some schools finding themselves in unfortunate situations due to a lack of understanding around qualifications for teaching Driver Education. In an effort to mitigate others experiencing similar issues, we wanted to provide a brief reminder. First, students enrolled in driver education **MUST** be taught by a licensed educator with a current and active driver [education endorsement](#). Driver education is a requirement to obtain a Utah driver license students must be taught by an appropriately licensed and endorsed educator. If a student takes a course without a properly licensed teacher, they will have to retake the course to be eligible to obtain a driver license.

Due to the high amount of risk and liability associated with being a driver education instructor state policy does not allow LEA Specific or partially trained instructors to teach driver education.

Students must have a **Utah** learner permit prior to taking any portion of behind the wheel training or road tests. Reminder that state code does not allow the behind the wheel teacher to also perform the road examination.

Additionally, State driver licensing code requires the student to pass all portions of driver education with a grade of 80% or higher. This course can be taught as a Pass/Fail or a letter grade, but the minimum requirement to obtain a driver license is 80%. The course also requires one hour of parent education. Your driver education programs have been provided with several options to deliver the [parent education](#), please just be aware that the parent participation is not optional and is part of the licensing process.

[Driver Education Law and Policy Manual](#)

If you have any question regarding the endorsement process or assistance with your driver education program, please contact [Audra Urie](#), USBE Driver Education Specialist.

Utah Highway Patrol Adopt A High School Program

The Adopt a High School Program allows focused outreach on teen drivers in local communities. The goal of the program is to reduce teen fatalities through increased seatbelt use and safer driving habits such as reduced speeds, removing distractions and not driving impaired. Troopers will go to the school at least once a month to hold activities including participation in assemblies, activities, classes and other functions to provide students with traffic safety information. These events could be a lunchtime activity with the drunk goggles, mock crashes, simulators, having the students sign a pledge to buckle up, and not drive impaired or distracted.

The Highway Safety Office currently provides the Adopt a High School program with a \$1000 award to be presented to the school with the highest seat belt usage rate at the end of the school year. This will be determined by three separate seat belt surveys conducted by troopers. The program will provide two additional \$500 awards to reward the school with the highest seat belt usage percentage increase and the best overall program. These awards will allow for success to be rewarded in the rural areas and throughout the state.

Additionally, as a reminder you can always have a Utah State Trooper present to your driver education students. For more information on the Adopt a High School Program or getting a presenter contact Chris Bishop.

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THE NUMBERS BELOW ARE ALARMING! BUT THEY AREN'T JUST NUMBERS... THEY'RE LIVES.

"We're all incredibly troubled by the recent crashes in SLC and across our state – crashes that have claimed the lives of toddlers, teenagers and parents alike. It's absolutely tragic, even more so because these crashes didn't have to happen. They were all preventable."

"Things cannot continue like this. We. Must. Change."

– Carlos Braceras, UDOT Executive Director

[View Up-To-Date Fatality and Serious Injury Data](#)

THE ZERO REPORT CARD

	Fatalities	Fatal Crashes	Crashes
▲ January 1 to October 31, 2021	277	247	49,382
January 1 to October 31, 2022	273	254	48,577

UDTSEA BOARD

The board is designed to represent you, and be a direct resource for current up to date information. If you have questions or would like assistance with your program, reach out to the board member in your area or attend a board meeting. Next board meeting: January 17, 2023 at 9:30 am at Granite SD or [LINK BY ZOOM](#)

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