

Support Teen Driver Education - SF 362/HF 769

Quality driver education provides a solid foundation of knowledge and skills that can help prepare students to pass the state licensing examination and mold a future safe driver. Minnesota has already shown the commitment to teen driver safety by requiring novice drivers to complete a driver training course.

By authorizing online instruction (SF 362/HF 769), Minnesota teens can gain the driving knowledge to obtain a license along with additional benefits that separate an online program from a traditional, classroom-based model. Teen Drivers would still be required to complete behind the wheel driving lessons and pass a road test to receive their license.

87%

of Minnesota parents support online driver education for teens according to an online survey conducted by AAA from June 26 - July 6, 2020.

The advantages of this alternative method of instruction include:



Accessibility - Through online learning, students can participate at a time, and for a duration, that suits their schedule. It is also more accessible to teens throughout the state, especially in rural areas.



Content - A high quality online program can have a greater level of student engagement. The technology allows for online quizzes and other tools to more rapidly assess student learning.



Cost - Online learning can be less expensive than classroom programs, which has been shown to be one of the barriers in completing driver training.



Secure - Identity protection and verification is of the utmost importance. States that allow online driver education have successfully ensured this through keystroke and voice biometrics.

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