

# DRIVER EDUCATION RESOURCES

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The Secretary of State's website, [www.Michigan.gov/teendriver](http://www.Michigan.gov/teendriver), is an excellent resource for students and parents as they navigate through the Graduated Driver License process. This document lists many other resources that are available to providers to supplement instruction in the classroom, behind-the-wheel, and on the range. Also included are links to other resources to share with students and parents.

If you have a resource that would benefit Michigan's driver education program, please email it to [DriverEd@Michigan.gov](mailto:DriverEd@Michigan.gov) to have it considered for addition to the list.

## MDOS APPROVED TEXTBOOKS / BOOKS

(Books DO NOT replace the ADTSEA material to be used.)

- [www.mdtsea.org](http://www.mdtsea.org) – Michigan Traffic Safety Education Student Manual – MDTSEA, 6th edition, published by NTSA International
- [www.michigan.aaa.com](http://www.michigan.aaa.com) – How to Drive – AAA, Beginning Driver's Manual, textbook, 14th edition, published by the American Automobile Association, 2011.
- [www.pearsonschool.com](http://www.pearsonschool.com) - Drive Right – 11th edition, published by Pearson
- [www.lmb.org](http://www.lmb.org) – What Every Michigan Bicyclist Must Know
- [www.mheducation.com/prek-12](http://www.mheducation.com/prek-12) - Responsible Driving – 2006 edition, published by Glencoe/McGraw-Hill.
- [www.roadsidesurvival.com](http://www.roadsidesurvival.com) – Roadside Survival – Low-Tech Solutions to Automobile Breakdowns and Preventions, published by Walt Brinker (NOT a textbook. Can be used in addition to other materials).
- [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos) - What Every Driver Must Know

## MDOS APPROVED TRAFFIC SAFETY VIDEOS

- [www.trafficsafetyeducationfoundation.org](http://www.trafficsafetyeducationfoundation.org) – *Parent Driving Zone* - The Traffic Safety Education Foundation: Contact, Andy Pilgrim (561) 654-5198 or email, [andy@andypilgrim.com](mailto:andy@andypilgrim.com).
- [www.giftoflifemichigan.org](http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org) – Gift of Life Michigan
- [www.truckingsafety.org](http://www.truckingsafety.org). – Sharing the Road Around Trucks for Teens
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kol4itUaCo> – Roundabouts - Road Commission for Oakland County
- [www.michigandeercrash.com](http://www.michigandeercrash.com) – Michigan Deer Crash Coalitions
- **Grade Crossing Awareness** video – Amtrak: Contact, Rob Longley: [Robert.Longley@amtrak.com](mailto:Robert.Longley@amtrak.com) or (212)630-7090

## PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- [www.michigan.gov/documents/DES\\_Parent-Teen\\_Safe\\_Driving\\_Contract\\_157407\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/DES_Parent-Teen_Safe_Driving_Contract_157407_7.pdf) – Parent-Teen Safe Driving Contract
- <http://auto-insurance.libertymutual.com/teen-driving> – Liberty Mutual Teen Driving
- [www.betterteendriving.com/](http://www.betterteendriving.com/) - State Farm
- [https://www.allstatefoundation.org/teen\\_safe\\_driving.html](https://www.allstatefoundation.org/teen_safe_driving.html) - Allstate
- [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/Technology\\_Resources\\_for\\_Parents\\_With\\_Teen\\_Drivers\\_05072015\\_494\\_278\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/Technology_Resources_for_Parents_With_Teen_Drivers_05072015_494_278_7.pdf) - Technology Resources for Parents to Monitor Teen Drivers.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- [www.detaonline.org](http://www.detaonline.org) - Driver Education and Training Administrators: A national association serving State Directors of Driver Education.
- [www.thedsaa.org](http://www.thedsaa.org) - The Driving School Association of the Americas: An international association of driving school owners.
- [www.aamva.org](http://www.aamva.org) - American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators: To support North American motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies in achieving their mission.
- [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) - The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration: NHTSA was established by the Highway Safety Act of 1970 to carry out safety programs previously administered by the National Highway Safety Bureau. Specifically, the agency directs the highway safety and consumer programs established by the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, the Highway Safety Act of 1966, the 1972 Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act, and succeeding amendments to these laws. Dedicated to achieving the highest standards of excellence in motor vehicle and highway safety, NHTSA works daily to help prevent crashes and their attendant costs, both human and financial.

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- [www.lmb.org](http://www.lmb.org) – The mission of the League of Michigan Bicyclists (LMB) is to promote bicycling and the safety of bicyclists on the roadways of Michigan. LMB is a non-profit, tax-exempt statewide membership organization working to improve conditions for bicycling in Michigan. LMB supports many programs and projects and cooperates with state and local agencies and other like-minded groups toward this goal.
- [www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org) – The League of American Bicyclists represents bicyclist in the movement to create safer roads, stronger communities, and a bicycle-friendly America. Through information, advocacy and promotion, we work to celebrate and preserve the freedom cycling brings to our members everywhere.
- [www.truckingsafety.org](http://www.truckingsafety.org) – The Michigan Center for Truck Safety is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving highway safety on Michigan's roadways, through comprehensive safety educational programs for Michigan's trucking industry.
- [www.umtri.umich.edu](http://www.umtri.umich.edu) – The University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute: They are committed to interdisciplinary research that will ultimately increase driving safety and further transportation systems knowledge. This site will share the most advanced research studies in the country.
- [www.drivingskillsforlife.com](http://www.drivingskillsforlife.com) – Ford Driving Skills for Life (DSFL): Established in 2003 by Ford Motor Company Fund, the Governor's Highway Safety Association, and a panel of safety experts to teach newly licensed teens the necessary skills for safe driving beyond what they learn in standard driver education programs. Ford DSFL helps young drivers improve their skills in four key areas that are critical factors in more than 60% of vehicle crashes: Hazard recognition, Vehicle handling, Speed management, and Space management.
- [www.driversedguru.com](http://www.driversedguru.com) – Drivers Ed Guru: If you're learning to drive or teaching your teenager the rules of the road, you may be bewildered as to where to start. We're dedicated to providing free instruction and advice for everything related to driver's education and learning how to drive.
- [www.teendriversource.org/](http://www.teendriversource.org/) - Teen Driver Source: We can all help keep teens safe on the road. Whether you're a teen, parent, policymaker, educator, or researcher, this site will support your efforts with free information and downloadable resources.
- <http://driving-tests.org/> - Driving Test: This website provides teens with an opportunity to complete practice permit tests from the comfort of their homes.
- <http://heads.up.discoveryeducation.com/> - Toyota Heads Up: This website provides teens with an interactive challenge and learn how to drive without any distractions.
- <http://www.teensmartdriving.com> - TeenSmart: This program uses behavioral intervention methodology and scientifically based instructional technology to identify and address the six factors that cause more than 90% of all teen collisions.
- [www.usa-traffic-signs.com/Test\\_s/50.htm](http://www.usa-traffic-signs.com/Test_s/50.htm) - US Traffic Signs: Students can test their knowledge on the meanings of traffic and road signs. The test contains 5 parts, 30 multiple choice questions for each part. Grading is in real time after you submit the results and a detailed answer sheet is provided.
- [www.nsc.org/safety\\_road/TeenDriving/Pages/teen\\_driving.aspx](http://www.nsc.org/safety_road/TeenDriving/Pages/teen_driving.aspx) - National Safety Council: This website provides numerous resources for the instructor, teen, and parents. Including a fun crossword puzzle testing their knowledge of statistics for their age group.
- <http://teendriving.statefarm.com/> - Celebrate My Drive: This website is for everyone. It not only helps the parents with tips on quality practice driving but they can also play interactive games such as "Road Aware". Road Aware is a 3-D tool that helps teens learn to scan for hazards before they get on the road.
- [www.trafficsafety.org/](http://www.trafficsafety.org/) - The Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS): The only organization dedicated exclusively to traffic safety in the workplace. NETS is a public/private partnership that engages employers of all sizes and industry-types in seeking, developing, and expanding best practices in traffic safety.
- [www.noys.org/](http://www.noys.org/) - NOYS: Their mission is to marshal resources that save lives, prevent injuries and promote safe and healthy lifestyles among youth.
- <http://impactteendrivers.org/> - Impact Teen Drivers: This website has information for everyone regarding not only the "Impact Teen Drivers" but also "Reckless & Distracted Driving".
- <http://countdown2drive.org/> - Countdown2Drive: Helps families build trust around a core reality of American life: the car.
- [www.saferdrivingforteens.org/](http://www.saferdrivingforteens.org/) - Checkpoints: A Program designed for parents to guide them through the GDL process, in addition to instructor movies.

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- <http://oli.org/> - Operation Lifesaver: They strive to increase public awareness about the danger at places where the roadway crosses the train tracks and on railroad rights-of-way. The program seeks to improve driver and pedestrian behavior at highway-rail intersections by encouraging compliance with traffic laws relating to crossing signs and signals.
- [www.tiresafety.com/](http://www.tiresafety.com/) - Bridgestone: Pleased to present TireSafety.com in the interest of public safety. Proper tire maintenance is an important safety function often neglected. The importance of properly maintaining your tires cannot be overemphasized. Remember, tires are the only contact between your vehicle and the road.
- [www.sleepfoundation.org/article/sleep-topics/teens-and-sleep](http://www.sleepfoundation.org/article/sleep-topics/teens-and-sleep) - Sleep Foundation: This website gives you information on drowsiness and falling asleep at the wheel which causes more than 100,000 car crashes every year. When you do not get enough sleep, you are more likely to have an accident, injury and/or illness.
- [www.saferoads.org/](http://www.saferoads.org/) - Safer Roads: This is an alliance of consumer, health, and safety groups and insurance companies and agents working together to make America's roads safer.
- [www.thinkfirst.org/](http://www.thinkfirst.org/) - THINK FIRST Foundation: Their mission is to prevent brain and spinal cord injuries through the education of individuals, community leaders and the creators of public policy.