

Statewide Summary of Montana's 2023-24 Traffic Education Programs*

(From the period of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

184 public high school districts were **eligible** to offer a traffic education program.
 118 high school districts **offered** a state-approved traffic education program.
 public and private high school students were **eligible** to enroll in traffic education.
 7142 students **completed** traffic education.

WHEN OFFERED

31 districts offered the program **before school hours**.
 30 districts offered the program during **regular school hours**.
 55 districts offered the program **after school hours**.
 78 districts offered the program in the **summer**.

PROGRAM FEES

116 high school districts charged a **fee**. The mode fee was **\$200.00**.
 The **minimum** fee was **\$75.00**. The **maximum** fee was **\$600.00**.
 12 districts **plan to increase the fee** charged students for the upcoming school year and summer.

PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

118 Districts screened students' **vision** with an eye exam before behind-the-wheel instruction.
 118 Districts emphasized and required the use of **seat belts**.
 118 Districts required a **Parent Meeting** to review schedule, requirements and parent role in Graduated Driver Licensing.
 117 Districts offered traffic education for **students with disabilities**.
 43 Districts **granted credit** for successful completion of traffic education.
 51 Districts offered **pedestrian** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
 56 Districts offered **school bus rider** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
 51 Districts offered **bicycle** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
 101 Districts taught an instructional unit on sharing the road with **motorcycles**.
 118 Districts taught an instructional unit on the effects of **alcohol/drug** and encouraged students not to drive impaired.
 111 Districts used the Office of Public Instruction (**OPI**) **Web site** to obtain traffic education information.
 117 Districts used Montana's current Traffic Education **Curriculum Guide** for its high school program.
 85 Districts employed a traffic and safety education **coordinator and/or supervisor**.
 25 Districts offered traffic education for **adult** beginners.
 0 Districts participated in the **Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP)**.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND RATES OF PAY

71 **full-time** traffic education teachers were employed.
 176 **part-time** traffic education teachers were employed.
 \$15.00 per hour is the **minimum** rate paid.
 \$78.75 per hour is the **maximum** rate paid.
 \$25.00 per hour is the **mode** minimum rate paid.
 \$25.00 per hour is the **mode** maximum rate paid.

VEHICLES

215 **vehicles** were used in the program.
 6 districts obtained their vehicles on a **free loan** basis.
 0 districts obtained their vehicles on a **daily fee** basis.
 12 districts obtained their vehicles on a **lease or rent** basis.
 105 districts **owned** their vehicles.
 2 districts used **other** means to obtain vehicles.

CRASHES

14 traffic **crashes** occurred involving a student driver while in the traffic education vehicle.
 0 persons were **killed**.
 2 persons were **injured**.
 \$64,925.36 **property damage** costs incurred.

COST PER PUPIL

\$506.99 is the **average** per pupil cost. (District costs were partially offset by state reimbursement amounting to **#Error** per pupil).

* This information was compiled from the 2023-24 Traffic Education year End Reports completed by all high school districts conducting state-approved traffic education programs during the summer of 2023 and the school year 2023-24. If you have questions, please contact LeAnn Haas by telephone at (406) 444-4432, or by e-mail at leann.haas@mt.gov