



State of Washington

Office of
Superintendent of Public Instruction

OSPI

Traffic Safety Education

Public Schools

Curriculum

- ▶ Each district creates their own and shall include
 - Minimum concepts to be taught
 - Methods of instruction
 - Student performance and evaluation criteria
 - Activities to accomplish objectives
 - Flowchart for classroom and laboratory lessons
 - Lesson plans
- Comprehensive written and driving exams

Traffic safety was funded through Public Safety and Education Account

- ▶ 2000 Traffic safety funding was moved to the general fund, no longer a dedicated funding source.
 - ▶ 2001 the legislature eliminated TSE reimbursement for school districts except for low income
 - ▶ 2002 the legislature eliminated reimbursement for all students, and financial support for OSPI to oversee programs (regional coordinators)
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By the Numbers

▶ Public Schools

- 241 Approved Programs
 - Most gave credit
 - Many taught through regular class schedule
 - 30 Hour minimum classroom
 - 4 Hour minimum driving
 - Minimum 5 weeks or 35 days during summer
 - Not exceed 18 weeks or less than 8 weeks during school year

2001–2002

▶ Public Schools

- 93 Approved Programs
 - 24 Schools give credit
 - 32 Contracted by ESD 113
 - Evening and weekend classes
 - 30 Hour minimum classroom
 - 6 Hour minimum driving

2013–2014

FY-98

- ▶ Traffic Safety Education
 - 321 High Schools in 244 school districts
 - 42 Commercial Schools in 98 locations
 - 6 Private/Parochial Schools
 - 6 Government Programs
 - 78,030 Total completions per year – all schools
 - 50,650 In public schools of which 12,678 are qualified for low income funding
 - Nearly \$17 million in school district reimbursement.
Funded from the PSEA account.

Instructor Qualifications

- ▶ Traffic safety education endorsement
 - Taught through Central Washington University
- ▶ Conditional traffic safety education certificate
 - Taught through districts
 - Behind the wheel
 - 60 hours training
 - Classroom
 - 1000 hours behind the wheel in 5 years
 - 80 clock hours training

TSE History at a Glance

- ▶ 1989 per pupil cost of TSE=\$287.90
- ▶ 1989 per pupil reimbursement=\$137.00
- ▶ 1989 additional reimbursement for low income=\$60.00

- ▶ 1999 per pupil cost of TSE=\$421.19
- ▶ 1999 per pupil reimbursement=\$137.19
- ▶ 1999 additional reimbursement for low income=\$60.00