

**5440-30 Driver and Traffic Safety Education**

*The holder is authorized to teach driver and traffic safety education in grades 9-12.*

In order to qualify for this endorsement, the candidate shall demonstrate the following:

Knowledge Standards:

**The educator demonstrates a thorough knowledge of:**

1. In-vehicle instructional techniques
2. The zone control system of driving, general traffic safety, and emergency driving techniques
3. Traffic safety education, including methods and materials for teaching driver and traffic safety education, administration of a driver and traffic safety education program, vehicular law, and insurance and financial responsibility
4. Alcohol and drugs
  - a. the impact of alcohol and other drugs on the operation of a motor vehicle
  - b. recognition of impairment by alcohol and other drugs
5. An area of the behavioral sciences such as educational psychology, adolescent psychology, or human development

Performance Standards:

**Specifically, the educator:**

1. Provides students with positive attitudes toward safe driving with special emphasis on having students understand the serious responsibilities associated with safely operating a motor vehicle
2. Provides students with the necessary skills to drive safely
3. Plans, organizes, implements, and evaluates a driver and traffic safety education program, including procuring vehicles, performing the necessary recordkeeping, and carrying out other administrative duties associated with driver education
4. Models for students, at all times, a high level of self-driving performance
5. Maintains effective public relations with the community, including remaining aware of community needs and making the community aware of the need for driver education

A driver education endorsement limited to behind-the-wheel instruction only shall be issued to individuals who meet Knowledge Standards 1, 2, and 4b and Performance Standards 1, 2 and 4, as well as the Additional Requirements below.

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Additional Requirements:

--Possess a valid Vermont Motor Vehicles Operator's license, or a valid operator's license from an adjacent state, provided the person is a legal resident of that state, with at least five years of driving experience while holding a driver's license

--Have and maintain a model driving safety record defined as:

- 1) no more than one moving motor vehicle traffic violation conviction within the preceding one year period
- 2) no more than three moving motor vehicle traffic violation convictions within the preceding three years
- 3) no driver's license suspension or revocation within the preceding three years for the above (1 & 2) convictions
- 4) no driver's license suspension or revocation within the preceding five years for motor vehicle convictions other than those above (1 & 2)
- 5) no motor vehicle criminal violation convictions within the preceding seven years. These would include, but not be limited to, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor or other substance or negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

--Provide a letter stating approval to proceed with licensure from the VT Department of Education Driver Education Consultant. This approval will certify the model driving record and shall state whether the individual is being recommended for the full endorsement or the endorsement limited to in-vehicle instruction only.