

TO: Professional Standards Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Terry Reilly, Programs Coordinator for Preservice Educator Quality

ITEM FOR ACTION: (30) Driver and Traffic Safety Education

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to accept the revised (30) Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement.

MOTION:

I, _____, move that the VSBPE accept and approve the recommendation that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to accept the revised (30) Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Per the direction of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators AOE personnel convened stakeholders from the Driver and Traffic Safety Education educator field to revise the Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement. Per best practice, teachers present were vetted for licensure in the endorsement area. Additionally, stakeholders came as representatives of their field from different state and nationally affiliated associations. Current national standards were referenced in the revision process, most notably standards from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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(30) Driver and Traffic Safety Education Crosswalk

Purpose: To identify changes to the newly revised (30) Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement

Change	Previous wording	New wording
In Knowledge Standards - elaboration of zone control system of driving	The zone control system of driving	The zone control system of driving entailing visual tracking and risk assessment process of driving including concepts of space management and risk management and risk prevention.
In Knowledge Standards – addition of the words; “relevant state and...” and removal of “general first aid”.	General traffic safety (e.g., other highway users), vehicular law, the relationship between substance abuse and operating a motor vehicle, emergency driving techniques, general first aid, and insurance and financial responsibility	General traffic safety (e.g., other highway users), relevant state and vehicular law, the relationship between substance abuse and operating a motor vehicle, emergency driving techniques, , insurance and financial responsibility
The addition of a Knowledge Standard		The educator has the ability to recognize impairment as the result of substance misuse or otherwise.
Changed wording in Performance Standard	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	Educates students with the goal to develop positive attitude toward safe driving with special emphasis on having students understand the serious responsibilities associated with safely operating a motor vehicle

Change	Previous wording	New wording
Changed wording in Performance Standard	Provides students with the necessary skills to drive safely	Educates students with the goal to develop the necessary visual, vehicle control, space management and risk prevention skills to drive safely
Change in criteria for limiting endorsement	A driver education endorsement limited to behind-the-wheel instruction only shall be issued to individuals who meet Knowledge Standards 1 and 2 and Performance Standards 1, 2 and 4	A driver education endorsement limited to behind-the-wheel instruction only shall be issued to individuals who meet Knowledge Standards 1,2 and 4 and Performance Standards 1, 2 and 4

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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:

1. **The educator demonstrates a thorough knowledge of:**
 - 1.1. In-vehicle instructional techniques
 - 1.2. The zone control system of driving entailing visual tracking and risk assessment process of driving including concepts of space management and risk management and risk prevention.
 - 1.3. Traffic safety education, including methods and materials for teaching driver and traffic safety education, and administration of a driver and traffic safety education program
 - 1.4. General traffic safety (e.g., other highway users), relevant state and vehicular law, the relationship between substance abuse and operating a motor vehicle, emergency driving techniques, , insurance and financial responsibility
 - 1.5. The educator has the ability to recognize impairment as the result of substance misuse or otherwise.
 - 1.6. An area of the behavioral sciences such as educational psychology, adolescent psychology, or human development
2. Performance Standards - Specifically, the educator:
 - 2.1. Educates students with the goal to develop positive attitude toward safe driving with special emphasis on having students understand the serious responsibilities associated with safely operating a motor vehicle
 - 2.2. Educates students with the goal to develop the necessary visual, vehicle control, space management and risk prevention skills to drive safely
 - 2.3. 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
 - 2.4. At all times, models for students a high level of self-driving performance
 - 2.5. Maintains effective public relations with the community, including remaining aware of community needs and making the community aware of the need for driver education

3. *A driver education endorsement limited to behind-the-wheel instruction only shall be issued to individuals who meet Knowledge Standards 1,2 and 4 and Performance Standards 1, 2 and 4, as well as the Additional Requirements below.*
4. Additional Requirements:
 - 4.1. 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.
 - 4.2. Provide a certified Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) copy of the applicant's driver's license history.
 - 4.3. Provide evidence of a model driving safety record defined as:
 - 4.4. no more than one moving traffic conviction in the preceding one year period
 - 4.5. no more than three moving traffic convictions in the preceding three years
 - 4.6. no alcohol or drug related traffic convictions within the preceding ten years
 - 4.7. no driver's license suspension, cancellation, revocation, or denial within the preceding ten years