

Southern Oregon Driver Education, Inc.
5 hour Parent Involvement Certification

Motor vehicle occupant injuries are by far the leading cause of injury related deaths for ages 15-19. Twice as many youths die from motor vehicle crashes than from any other cause. Nearly two out of three (63%) teenage passenger deaths occur in crashes in which another teenager is driving. Many of the crashes of novice drivers involve outright speeding or traveling too fast for conditions. While not all-young drivers are unsafe, about 15 percent of them have a crash in their first year of driving. These crashes are a result of several factors, including: inexperience with the driving task, lack of good decision making, tendency to take higher risk than older drivers, and susceptibility to peer pressure to engage in activities that individuals might not engage in on their own.

Oregon Traffic Safety Education programs need to involve family intervention and must take advantage of the families strengths in influencing early driving behavior. Parents and guardians need to take a more active and effective role as their children learn to drive. A major challenge for traffic safety education is to discover how to motivate parents to become more realistic about their children driving. The philosophy of traffic safety education in the schools includes the idea that the more time parents spend in the car with their student driver, the better prepared that young person will be to become a safe, licensed driver on the public roadways.

As mandated by the State of Oregon, I _____ (parent or guardian) certify that _____ (student name) has driven 5 or more hours while enrolled in the Driver Education course provided by the Southern Oregon Driver Education, Inc. By signing this form, I ensure that during the 5 or more hours of driving _____ (student name) practiced those skills that were taught by the program.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date