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TO: Driver Training Schools
Educational Service District Superintendents
Chief School District Superintendents
Selected Administrators of Private Schools
Traffic Safety Education Coordinators

FROM: Driver Training Program, Department of Licensing
Traffic Safety Education, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Subject: ESHB 1481 Implementation

As you may know, ESHB 1481 passed during the 2017 legislative session tasked the Department of Licensing (DOL) and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) with jointly developing a required curriculum. We are pleased to announce the publication of the Washington State Driver Training Required Curriculum. You can download a copy directly from the DOL website at <https://www.dol.wa.gov/business/drivertraining/dtnews.html>.

The Required Curriculum is comprised of the concepts (knowledge, skills, and awareness) that students should have by the time they complete any driver training program in our State. In an effort to create uniformity in driver training education provided by school districts and commercial driver training schools, all schools are expected to use the new Required Curriculum.

Looking ahead: We encourage schools to become familiar with the new Required Curriculum. Optional support materials (lesson plans, videos, quizzes, etc.) are being developed for instructors to use to assist with teaching the concepts in the Required Curriculum. DOL and OSPI will be working together to implement WAC changes that will identify how schools will be audited in the future with respect to teaching the concepts in the Required Curriculum. Until the rule-making process is complete, schools will not be audited for compliance with teaching the Required Curriculum.

Who to contact if you have questions?

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