

# Central Florida Safety Strategic Plan – Teen Driver’s Education Opportunities in Central Florida



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Service / Program	Description & Notes
<b>Mandatory Programs</b>	
<b>DETS (Driver Education Traffic Safety)</b>	<p>As of August 1, 2025, all first-time drivers under 18 must complete a <b>6-hour DETS</b> course (replacing the older 4-hour TLSAE) before applying for a learner’s permit.) Driver Education Licensing Assistance Program (DELAP) courses offered by some county school boards may substitute for this requirement. Contact the local school board for further information. Click link below for all authorized providers for the Driver Education Traffic Safety course.</p> <p><a href="#">Driver Education Traffic Safety (DETS) - Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles</a></p>
<b>Licensing Requirements for Teens, Graduated Driver License Laws and Driving Curfews</b>	<p>Teens (age ≥ 15) take a Class E Knowledge Exam + vision &amp; hearing tests + provide identity, address, and parental consent. (<a href="#">FL Highway Safety</a>)</p> <p><a href="#">DETS Course for Florida Learner's Permit</a> (paid course)</p> <p><a href="#">Best Florida Driving School Online: Drivers Education, Permit Tests, &amp; Traffic School</a> (paid course)</p>
<b>Supervised Driving / Practice Hours</b>	<p>Must complete <b>50 hours</b> of driving experience, of which <b>10 hours must be at night</b>. (<a href="#">FL Highway Safety</a>)</p>
<b>Road Skills / Driving Test</b>	<p>At age 16 (or after holding a learner’s permit for 12 months or until turning 18), teens take the Class E Driving Skills Test. (<a href="#">FL Highway Safety</a>)</p>
<b>Graduated Driver License (GDL) Restrictions</b>	<p>Daytime-only driving rules for first 3 months; curfews depend on the teen’s age (16, 17). (<a href="#">FL Highway Safety</a>)</p>
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<b>Driver Education Traffic Safety Courses</b>	
<b>Florida Virtual School</b>	<p><a href="#">FLVS - Florida Virtual School   Grades K-12 Online</a></p>
<b>Orange County Virtual School</b>	<p><a href="#">Orange County Virtual School - Drivers Ed</a> complete course then <b>6 FREE Hours of Behind-the-Wheel Training</b></p>
<b>The Florida Safety Council</b>	<p><a href="#">Florida Traffic School, Occupational Safety, DUI, and Driving School</a> – Behind the Wheel Driver Training</p>
<b>Other Public School Systems have Virtual Options, Example Seminole County Public Schools</b>	<p>Lottery system for Behind the Wheel Drivers' education. <i>SCPS provides free, no-cost vouchers for a specific number of students each school year based on the tax revenue provided from the county. A Lottery System was created as a fair, anonymous way to select students who are current active SCPS students and have successfully completed the Driver’s Education course to be entered and win these vouchers for no-cost behind-the-wheel training provided by the Florida Highway Safety Council.</i></p>



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<b>Advocacy and non-mandatory Programs</b>	
<b>Battle of the Belts</b>	<a href="#">Battle of the Belts Kit - Florida Teen Safe Driving Coalition</a>
<b>Teen Safe Driving Coalition</b>	<a href="#">Driver Education Resources - Florida Teen Safe Driving Coalition</a>
<b>Youthful Driver Monitoring Service</b>	No services registered. <a href="#">Youthful Driver Monitoring Service - Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles</a>
<b>FLHSMV Driving Safety Program for Schools</b>	<a href="#">FLHSMV Driving Safety Program for Schools - Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles</a>
<b>Driver Improvement / Defensive Driving Courses</b>	Optional courses (online/in-class) can teach safe driving techniques and may qualify teens for insurance discounts. ( <a href="#">GEICO</a> )
<b>Teen Driver Challenge</b>	A free program run by Florida Sheriffs' offices offering hands-on defensive driving and safety skills. ( <a href="#">Florida Sheriffs Association</a> )
<b>Insurance Discounts for Teens</b>	Many insurers in Florida offer discounts for completing approved driver education, maintaining "good student" status, or completing defensive driving courses. ( <a href="#">DriversEd.com</a> )
<b>Parent/Teen Safe Driving Agreements &amp; Resources</b>	Florida Teen Safe Driving Coalition provides materials, guides, and free toolkits to encourage safe driving habits. ( <a href="#">flteensafedriver.org</a> )
<b>American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association - Florida (ADTSEA-FL)</b>	The American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association - Florida (ADTSEA-FL) aims to improve the quality of driver education in Florida through advocacy, professional networking, sharing of resources, and developing educational opportunities for driver education and traffic safety professionals. <a href="#">American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association - Florida   ADTSEA-FL</a>
<b>B.R.A.K.E.S Be Responsible and Keep Everyone Safe</b>	A driver's license must be obtained first, to qualify for the curriculum. This is a free defensive driving course offered around the country. Curriculum covers topics like crash avoidance and off-road recovery exercises. <a href="https://putonthebrakes.org/">https://putonthebrakes.org/</a>
<b>FORD – Driving Skills for Life</b>	Ford Driving Skills for Life (DSFL) is a free driver safety education program, available across the country, created to help teen and newly licensed drivers develop real-world driving skills that go beyond standard driver's education. <a href="https://www.drivingskillsforlife.com/">https://www.drivingskillsforlife.com/</a>



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Other	
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E-bike Training for Teens	<a href="https://teenebikettraining.com">https://teenebikettraining.com</a>
FDOT Resources for E-Bike Safety	<a href="#">E-Bike Safety</a>