

## Iowa DOT Research Request for Proposal (RFP)

It is the intent of Iowa DOT Research to enter into agreement with the responsible bidder whose submitted proposal is the most advantageous, cost and other factors considered. Other factors include but are not limited to meeting or exceeding mandatory requirements, proposed staffing, and meeting required time schedule.

- Original RFP is posted at <https://iowadot.gov/research/Requests-for-Proposal>
- Questions should be submitted to the project manager, identified below.
  - Questions are due no later than 14 calendar days prior to the proposal due date. Questions and responses will be posted on <https://iowadot.gov/research/Requests-for-Proposal> no later than 7 calendar days prior to the proposal due date.
- Responses must be submitted in pdf form to [Proposal.Research@iowadot.us](mailto:Proposal.Research@iowadot.us)
  - Use the following naming convention for the PDF submission:
    - ResearchProposalNumber\_Agency\_PrincipallInvestigatorLastName.pdf
- Responses must comply with the proposal guidelines in “Required Format for Iowa DOT Research Proposals.”
  - <https://iowadot.gov/research/Research-Process/Proposal-Deliverable-Guidelines>

**RFP #:** SPR 4003

**RFP Title:** Safety Impacts of Parent Taught Driver Education

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**RFP Posted:** September 15, 2024

**Proposals Due:** On or Before November 1, 2024 at 12:00 Noon Central Standard Time.

**Project Manager:** Khyle Clute, [khyle.clute@iowadot.us](mailto:khyle.clute@iowadot.us), (515)-239-1646

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### Budget

- Funding limitations have been established. Proposed budgets shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- Proposed budgets are not limited. They will be considered during the evaluation process.

### Timeline

- Timing limitations have been established. Proposed timelines shall not extend beyond \_\_\_\_\_.
- Proposed timelines are not limited. They will be considered during the evaluation process.

### Literature Review

- A Literature Review has been performed as part of project development and should not be included as a task in the proposal. The Literature Review is available for download here:
  - A Literature Review has not been performed and may be included as a task in the proposal.
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## Problem Statement

Driver education is required in Iowa for any minor seeking unaccompanied driving privileges under Iowa Administrative Rule 761.602.11. Prior to 2021, 95-99% of driver education in Iowa was provided by fully licensed teachers and certified driving instructors. However, in 2021, the Iowa legislature expanded parent taught driver education eligibility (Iowa Code 321.178A) as an option for any minor to use in lieu of traditional driver education, and the result has been a significant shift away from traditional driver education to parent-taught driver education. It is estimated that approximately 20% of all minors are now opting for parent-taught driver education, and the trend continues to increase. The massive growth in parent-taught driver education has led to questions about participation, effectiveness of education, and impacts to longer-term driving skills and performance.

## Objectives

Understand parent taught driver education participants based on available demographic information, including location, socio-economic factors, age, licensing data, subsequent driving records, and other information from existing Motor Vehicle Division records. Evaluate the impacts of the 2021 expansion of the parent taught driver education program eligibility. Conduct a voluntary survey from program participants to gather insights from their experience. The findings will guide Iowa DOT to understand whether parent taught driver education drivers have a different safety record than drivers from traditional driver education programs and what, if any, changes should be considered to either driver education program.

## Minimum Project Tasks

1. Compile and analyze parent taught driver education participants based on available demographic information.
2. Analyze driving records of over 13,000 parent taught driver education participants since 2021 compared to about 100,000 traditional driver education participants to identify whether crash or citation rates differ and identify any specific crash or citation types where there is a significant difference.
3. Develop and conduct a voluntary, anonymous, online follow-up survey with participants of the parent taught driver education program to evaluate program acceptance, effectiveness and possible improvements

## Deliverables

1. Quarterly progress reports to the TAC
2. Draft Final Report
3. Final Report
4. Section 508 Compliant Technology Transfer Technical Brief

## Additional Information

Memorandums of Understanding will be developed to allow access to confidential parent taught driver education participant demographic, crash, and citation records. It is estimated this may take 30-60 days. Publicly available data is provided at <https://icat.iowadot.gov/> and <https://data.iowadot.gov/>.

Driver and parent demographic and contact information is not readily available in database form. They will need to be compiled by lifting the student's name and driver license number off the attached completion letter and then cross referencing against the same information provided in the attached application form. After cross referencing, the email address(es) of the teaching parent(s) can be lifted off the application

form. The application form and completion letter exist as individual PDFs from each of the 13,000 participants.

Attachments: Form 431227\_PTDE Application for Completion.pdf  
Completion Letter.pdf

Anticipated notification of proposal results is mid-November. Anticipated project start date of January 1, 2025.

### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

Iowa DOT ensures non-discrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Any person who believes that they are being denied participation in a project, being denied benefits of a program, or otherwise being discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability, low income and limited English proficiency, or needs more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact Iowa DOT Civil Rights at 515-239-7970 or by email at [civil.rights@iowadot.us](mailto:civil.rights@iowadot.us).



## APPLICATION FOR PARENT-TAUGHT DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM COMPLETION

_____		_____
(Name of Teaching Parent 1)		(Driver License Number)
_____	_____	_____
(Address, City, State, ZIP Code)	(Phone)	(e-Mail Address)
_____		_____
(Name of Teaching Parent 2)		(Driver License Number)
_____	_____	_____
(Address, City, State, ZIP Code)	(Phone)	(e-Mail Address)

**\*An approved course includes only those courses approved by the Iowa DOT and listed at: [www.iowadot.gov/teachingparent](http://www.iowadot.gov/teachingparent).**

I/We certify that:

- a.) I provided driver education instruction to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Student) (Date of Birth) (Student's Iowa Driver Lic. No.)  
that meets the requirements of Iowa Code 321.178A, Driver Education - Teaching Parent.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Course Name and Number\*)
- b.) the above listed student successfully completed the following on-line course approved by the Iowa DOT:
- c.) the above listed student satisfactorily completed classroom instruction and at least 30 hours of street and/or highway driving, as required.
- d.) copies of the following documents are attached and are true and correct (keep the originals for your records):
- Student final report as supplied by the following pre-approved course, including: Student's full name and address, start and end dates of online program, percentage of correct final exam answers and minimum passing percentage. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Course Name found at [www.iowadot.gov/teachingparent](http://www.iowadot.gov/teachingparent))
  - the student's driving log (Iowa DOT Form 431228) with 30 hours of street or highway driving, which must include 3 hours of driving after sunset and before sunrise.
- e.) the following curriculum requirements were met:
- instruction concerning substance abuse and distracted driving
  - instruction concerning railroad crossing safety
  - instruction relating to becoming an organ donor under the revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act as provided in Chapter 142C
  - instruction providing an awareness about sharing the road with pedestrians, bicycles and motorcycles

I certify under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the preceding is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Teaching Parent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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### Parent-Taught Driver Education Program Completion

Date: September 15, 2024

RE: Application for Parent-Taught Driver Education Program Completion

Student: Jane Doe, DL 123AB4567

Congratulations! Having satisfactorily met all the requirements of the program, you have successfully completed Iowa Parent-Taught Driver Education! The student's driver education completion data has been recorded on the student's driving record.

**The student now must complete one more step to be issued an Intermediate License or Minor School License –pass a drive test with a driver's license Consultant.** When the student is ready and eligible for the next step in the licensing process, please contact the driver's license issuance location of your choice to schedule the drive test. You can find a list and map of all driver's license issuance locations at [www.iowadot.gov](http://www.iowadot.gov). You can also find information on the eligibility requirements for an Intermediate License on the attached information card, or at <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/under-18>.

**Please make sure the student brings all the following when the student appears to take the drive test and apply for the Intermediate license or Minor School License:**

1. The student's Iowa instruction permit
2. Proof of insurance for the vehicle the student will use in the drive test
3. \$8.00 for the license fee
4. If applying for a Minor School License signed Affidavit for Minor School License form [430021](#)

If you or another parent/legal custodian does not accompany the student, the student must also bring a parental consent form (Iowa DOT form number [430018](#)) to the issuance location. You can find this form at [www.iowadot.gov](http://www.iowadot.gov).

We congratulate you and your student for successfully completing this important course of instruction

Sincerely,

Iowa Department of Transportation  
Drivers Central Programs Bureau