



# Driver Education Program News

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## Driver Education Program Update

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# Breaking News

Hello! There will be a regular edition newsletter out for July-August but we wanted to get this special edition out quickly to advertise some of the important things happening RIGHT NOW!! 😊

Please read through everything carefully because some of the events we're talking about happen in just days!

Bill

## Town Hall in John Day Oregon

With the passage of HB 2264, part of the implementation plan is to hold a stakeholder town hall in John Day, Oregon as one of the central meeting places for the eastern part of the state. It was very hard to come up with a place where people would have access; a similar challenge to the issue being addressed in the new law that just passed. ☺

Your input is needed as we discuss ways to increase driver education enrollment in rural and frontier areas of the state. This is all an effort to better provide driver education in underserved areas.

The Town Hall will take place on **Tuesday July 30, 2013** in John Day at the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Conference Room located at 725 West Main Street, John Day, Oregon. **We will start at 6:00 p.m. and plan to end by 8:00 p.m.**

I would like all who attend to participate, because we need your help to keep the energy and commitment of the driver education community moving forward. Without the commitment from those in our rural and frontier areas we cannot expect to accomplish the great things that the Oregon Legislature has entrusted to us.

Please join us for the Town Hall meeting and add your voice to a growing list of Oregonians who are passionate about ending unnecessary teen deaths in our state. Together, let's make a difference in the life of an Oregon teen, with whom you might one day share the road.

## New Curriculum FAQs

So many people have asked, "should we still purchase curriculum support products for our next classes coming up? When will the new interface and student books be ready?" I realized that we should publish a timeline for you so that you can make informed decisions as we head into this next season of improvements.

Timeline:

October 2013	Curriculum Revision Release and Playbook® Instructor Interface Release for Training Events
October 2013	Playbook® and Partnership® Book Distributed to Providers
October 12 and 19, 2013	ODTSEA Hosted ORPC 2013 Training Events (Two cities each weekend)
November 2013	Chemeketa Online Course for Interface Training available
January 2014	Playbook® and Partnership® Books implemented in Novice Driver Training Courses

So, as you can see, even though we will have the ORPC 2013 curriculum revision out by October 2013, we don't intend it for classroom use until January 2014. This is to give us very important time to train and orient all Oregon approved instructors and providers in the proper use of the new interface.

## Technology Upgrade Suggestions for Providers

To better prepare each school or site for the new curriculum, you should plan to upgrade to Microsoft Word Suite 2010. Many of the new dynamic features of the interface will not work correctly in Suite 2003 or older Microsoft products. If you need a letter to pass along to the decision makers in your school or business, we have one available at the state office for download. I would love the opportunity to ask, on your behalf, for your school to experience the curriculum with the new 2010 Word Suite!! ☺

## Instructor Certification FAQs

Providers and Instructors!! We have been telling you for several weeks that you were going to be able to track your own documentation trail for your state of Oregon Instructor certifications. Here is the link for the "Look-up" site at WOU so providers (and instructors) can view certification status information at any time. <https://www2.wou.edu/pls/wou2/dep.provider.lookup>

## Updated Assurance Form Coming Soon

We have deleted the instructor form from the list of things a provider is required to do every October. We have revised the Assurance form (which is still needed!) to add the numbers of all instructors who work for a given provider. Please watch the website for the updated form which should be available by early August 2013.

These will now be due every January 1<sup>st</sup> to assure compliance for the coming year. This due date replaces the October 15<sup>th</sup> date from the previous iterations.

Below is the new post card now being mailed to every teen in Oregon who gets their driving permit.

