



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

Alabama
State Board
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MEMORANDUM

Governor Kay Ivey
President

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

Jackie Zeigler
District I

FROM: Eric G. Mackey 
State Superintendent of Education

Tracie West
District II

SUBJECT: Additional Certification for Driver and Traffic Safety Education Teachers

Kelly Mooney
District III
Vice President

To assist local education agencies in seeking Driver and Traffic Safety Education (DTSE) teachers, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) offers the Additional Certification in Driver and Traffic Safety Education.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV

The Additional Certification in Driver and Traffic Safety Education approach is for an applicant who already holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate or Professional Leadership Certificate. The individual will need to successfully complete and earn credit for the required ALSDE basic and advanced Driver Education courses. Application forms and information pertaining to this approach can be found at [Alabama Achieves | Teacher Center | Teacher Certification](#) (*Additional Certification in Driver and Traffic Safety Education*).

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.
District V

The basic and advanced courses will be offered in Wetumpka. The fall session will be taught November 30–December 4 and December 7–11, 2026, at the site indicated below.

Marie Manning
District VI

Class Location
Elmore County Professional Development Center
399 W. Osceola Street
Wetumpka, AL 36092

Allen Long, M.D.
District VII
President Pro Tem

Registration and payment can be made in advance or on site the first day of class. Course credit must appear in the Professional Learning Portal. The total cost for the classes is \$800 for the two weeks additional certification in DTSE. Make checks and money orders payable to the Alabama State Department of Education/Driver Education.

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.
District VIII

Please complete and submit the registration form that can be found by clicking [here](#). If additional information is needed, you may contact Mr. Jeremy Seamon or Mr. Brian Carter at 334-694-4545 or by email at jseamon@alsde.edu or bcarter@alsde.edu.

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Secretary and
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cc: High School Principals
Driver Education Teachers
Mr. Chad Carpenter

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