

171.396 ONLINE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM.

(a) A licensed or approved driver education program may offer online driver education as provided in this section. The online driver education program must satisfy the requirements for classroom driver education as provided in section 171.0701, subdivision 1, and Minnesota Rules, chapter 7411. In addition, an online driver education program must:

- (1) include a means for the student to measure performance outcomes;
- (2) use a pool of rotating quiz questions;
- (3) incorporate accountability features to ensure the identity of the student while engaged in the course of online study;
- (4) measure the amount of time that the student spends in the course;
- (5) provide technical support to customers that is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week;
- (6) require a licensed Minnesota driver education instructor to monitor each student's progress and be available to answer questions in a timely manner, provided that the instructor is not required to monitor progress or answer questions in real time;
- (7) store course content and student data on a secure server that is protected against data breaches and is regularly backed up;
- (8) incorporate preventive measures in place to protect against the access of private information;
- (9) include the ability to update course content uniformly throughout the state; and
- (10) provide online interactive supplemental parental curriculum consistent with section 171.0701, subdivision 1a.

(b) Except as required by this section, the commissioner is prohibited from imposing requirements on online driver education programs that are not equally applicable to classroom driver education programs.

History: 2023 c 68 art 4 s 63; 2024 c 104 art 1 s 78