



# Driver Education Newsletter

August 2019

## Changes at the State Department of Education:

### Dr. Eric Studebaker—Director of Student Engagement and Safety Coordination

Dr. Eric Studebaker was hired in July to serve as the Director of Student Engagement and Safety Coordination. Dr. Studebaker began working in higher education in 1998 and has held a variety of positions since that time, including roles within Student Affairs, Student Services, and Instructional Administration. He comes most recently from Columbia Gorge Community College where he served as Vice President of Students since 2016. Dr. Studebaker holds a Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy, a Masters in Training and Development, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education Administration and Research. Eric is a fifth-generation Idahoan, and is excited to be back in his home state supporting Idaho's students through his work with the State Department of Education.

### Emily Kormylo—Driver Education Coordinator

Mrs. Kormylo (formerly Ms. Stromer) was hired in April to begin part-time as the Driver Education Coordinator. She began full-time at the office in June after her teaching assignment for West Ada School District ended. Mrs. Kormylo has taught Math for several school districts and Driver Education since 2009 for Boise Schools. She holds a Bachelors of Science in Mathematics and a Masters in Teacher Education. Emily is eager to keep Idaho's Driver Education program running smoothly and improving with the new technologies available.

### Jean Hilton—Administrative Assistant

Ms. Hilton has taken another job outside the State Department of Education and will be leaving at the end of the month. We wish her much success in her new endeavors. A replacement for the administrative assistant position is currently being interviewed and we hope to have new face to introduce soon.

Do you know any  
co-workers who  
are amazing with  
teenagers?

Know any super  
dynamic teachers  
looking for a side  
job?

Are you looking to cut back on your after school  
duties and have a replacement in mind?

**New Instructor Licensing Class  
online at NNU is starting on  
August 26th**

**[Click here](#) for more information or  
visit our [SDE website](#)**

## SAVE THE DATE

### Driver Education State Conference

May 1-2, 2020

Meridian, Idaho



**Is Your Child Buckled Up?**



**IT'S THE LAW**

The Office of Highway Safety encourages your school to post these signs on your campus where parents and caregivers may pick up children. If you are interested in posting a sign or signs, please contact Emily Kormylo at (208)332-6984 or [ekormylo@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:ekormylo@sde.idaho.gov)

Annual Program Plan Packets are due 30 days prior to the start of the first class of the fiscal year. Please get them in soon!!



**2019 Observational Seat Belt Survey**



Be the example. **BUCKLE UP!**



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## 2019 Observational Seat Belt Survey

This statistical data and information is provided by the Idaho Transportation Department Office of Highway Safety.

A total of 26,057 vehicle occupants were observed. The total occupants observed were comprised of 20,509 drivers and 5,548 outboard passengers. Seventy percent (70%) of the vehicles were cars, vans, or Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) while 30% were pick-up trucks. Vans and SUVs used to be counted separately, but were combined with passenger cars for the 2013 survey because seat belt usage was virtually the same for both groups of vehicles in the past.

The estimated seat belt usage for pick-up truck occupants continues to be substantially lower than seat belt usage for either passenger cars or vans and sport utility vehicles (SUV's). The difference between seat belt use in pick-up trucks and in other passenger vehicles was statistically significant in 2019.

The 2019 Observational Seat Belt Survey report has not yet been activated online. If you would like to read the full report, email Sherry Jenkins at [sherry.jenkins@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:sherry.jenkins@itd.idaho.gov)

### 2019 Statewide Seat Belt Usage

Estimated Usage	Standard Error	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
85.7%	1.95%	81.9%	89.5%

### 2019 Usage—County by Vehicle Type

County	Passenger Cars, Vans, and Sport Utility Vehicles	Pickup Trucks	All Vehicles
Ada	96.9%	89.5%	95.1%
Bannock	86.6%	81.8%	85.4%
Bonner	86.6%	76.6%	83.1%
Bonneville	80.1%	57.7%	75.5%
Canyon	86.9%	70.5%	81.3%
Cassia	77.7%	58.9%	68.7%
Elmore	94.7%	86.0%	91.7%
Franklin	86.7%	69.8%	82.3%
Fremont	92.7%	55.4%	82.0%
Jerome	72.7%	66.1%	70.4%
Kootenai	91.0%	83.7%	89.1%
Latah	85.2%	75.3%	82.2%
Nez Perce	86.9%	82.6%	85.6%
Twin Falls	80.8%	70.0%	77.8%
Washington	83.6%	72.5%	79.6%

### Guest Speaker for Your Classroom:

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Email her today to schedule a speaker to talk to your students about Organ Donation.

Instructor Authorization Cards are being sent to School District Coordinators after 2019-2020 Programs are approved. Remember, physicals are only valid for up to 2 years. Instructors can only be approved if a current physical is on file. Please ask your Coordinator or contact Emily

Kormylo at [ekormylo@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:ekormylo@sde.idaho.gov) if you have not received your 2019-2020 Instructor Authorization Card or want to check if your physical is still valid.