

ELDT-S Task Force

Iowa Department of Education
Ola Babcock Miller Building, Room 300
1112 E Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa
October 2, 2025 (10:00 am - 12:00 pm)

WELCOME

1. Purpose of the ELDT-S Task Force
 - a. Historical perspective
 - i. IDOE S.T.O.P. Training prior to ELDT
 - ii. Update of S.T.O.P. for FY26
 - iii. January 1, 2026 - Emphasizes importance of this work
 - b. Mission (from [HF 395](#))
 - i. The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, shall adopt rules on or before July 1, 2026, establishing requirements for providers of entry-level driver training.
 - ii. The rules must provide for minimum training content, contact hours, and proficiency standards, and must establish a standard training course duration that ensures each training course provides all entry-level driver training requirements and specified school bus driver training requirements, including but not limited to training necessary for a passenger endorsement and a school bus endorsement.
2. Introductions
 - a. Name
 - b. Organization
 - c. Role/Duties
 - d. Experience in transportation, student transportation, driver training
 - e. How do you believe your skill set will serve the Task Force goals
3. The Challenge - Ensuring Consistent and Relevant Training
 - a. FMCSA requirements are very general
 - i. [FMCSA ELDT Minimum Federal Curricula Requirements](#)
 - ii. [ECFR Title 49 Curriculum](#)
 - iii. ECFR Title 49 S-Endorsement details
 - b. Large number of providers using various content
 - i. No IDOE or IDOT oversight of ELDT - left to FMCSA
 - ii. Trainers Self-certify
 - iii. Example of where ELDT may be too broad or not Iowa specific
4. Elements of HF395 that must be met
 - a. Rules must include
 - i. Minimum Training Content
 - ii. Contact Hours
 - iii. Proficiency Standards
 - b. Rules must establish a standard training course duration
 - c. Rules must ensure each training course provides:
 - i. All entry level driver training requirements

- ii. Specified school bus driver training requirements, including but not limited to P and S endorsements
 - d. Task Force Focus-ELDT S-Endorsement Theory
 - i. S-Endorsement Behind The Wheel Considerations
 - ii. P-Endorsement Considerations
 - iii. All other ELDT training requirements
- 5. Unit Review
- 6. Meeting preparation for October 15
 - a. Identify the individual components of the unit chosen
 - b. Detail for each component the level of information that should be covered
 - c. Identify Iowa specific requirements
- 7. Next Meetings
 - a. Wednesday, October 15, Zoom (D1.1, D1.2, D1.3)
 - b. Wednesday, October 29, In-person, Des Moines (D1.4, D1.5, D1.6)
 - c. Wednesday, November 5, Zoom (D1.7, D1.8, D1.9)
 - d. Wednesday, November 19, In-person, Des Moines (D1.10, D1.11, P-End Considerations)
 - e. Tuesday, December 2, Zoom (if needed)
 - f. Tuesday, December 9, Zoom (if needed)
- 8. Adjournment