

KDOT DRIVER EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT GRANT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q:** Is this program the same as the driver education reimbursement program offered by the Kansas Department of Education?
- A:** No. This program is offered through the Kansas Department of Transportation.
- Q:** How do I determine if a student meets the financial eligibility requirement?
- A:** If a student qualifies for their school's free or reduced-price lunch program they meet this grant's financial eligibility requirement.
- Q:** If a student qualifies, do I deduct the amount to be reimbursed before they take the course or should they pay full price and then each individual be reimbursed by the school later?
- A:** The reimbursement process the school decides to take with their students is not dictated by this grant.
- Q:** Do reimbursed funds have to be used to off-set costs of giving grant eligible students a discount or can the funds be used for other school projects?
- A:** Funds through this grant are to give financially disadvantaged students the opportunity to take driver education and cannot be used for other school projects, staff salaries and/or equipment.
- Q:** Why does this program have a contract?
- A:** This grant requires both the driver education provider and KDOT to have a fully executed contract in place PRIOR to the school year beginning (contract must be in-place prior to the driver education course beginning). A fully executed contract outlines that both parties acknowledge the requirements of the grant, potential reimbursement amount, and signatures from both entities. Failure to have a contract fully executed makes the entity ineligible for reimbursement through this grant.
- Q:** What time frame does the project cover?
- A:** The project covers all three semesters (Fall, Spring, and Summer). For example, school year 2021-2022 includes Fall semester (August-December 2021), Spring semester (January-May 2022), and Summer semester (June-July 2022).
- Q:** On the Enrollment Application, why am I to estimate high for the possible number of grant eligible students that might be in the program?
- A:** A high estimate is asked so that funds can be set aside for the program. It is easier to have excess funds than not have enough funds at the end of the project year to complete reimbursements. We can only reimburse up to the amount listed in the contract. If your contract states ten students we can only reimburse for ten students even if you had twenty grant eligible students complete the course.
- Q:** How do I fill out the number of students section in the Reimbursement Request?
- A:** The number of students you list in the Reimbursement Request are the number of grant eligible students who successfully completed the driver education course and NOT the total number of students who took the course.
- Q:** What if a student drops out or fails to complete the course, can we still request reimbursement?
- A:** Unfortunately, we can only reimburse for those grant eligible students who successfully complete the full course (classroom and behind-the-wheel portions).