# **Anoka-Hennepin Secondary Curriculum Unit Plan**

Department:	Driver's Education	Course:	Driver's Education	Unit Title:	Traffic Laws	Grade Level(s):	9-12
Assessed Trimester:	N/A	Pacing:	20 Days	Date Created:	5/27/2014	Last Revision	
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## Course Understandings: Students will understand that:

- It is important to understand the qualities of a defensive driver in order to drive safely?
- Traffic laws are in place for everyones safety.
- Physics plays a major role when driving.
- They will need to use critical thinking skills to evaluate driving situations.

# DESIRED RESULTS (Stage 1) - WHAT WE WANT STUDENT TO KNOW AND BE ABLE TO DO?

### **Established Goals**

- Standard A: Students will know that Minnesota signs, signals and roadway marking conform to National standards that provide clear instructions to help them drive safely. Benchmark:
  - **A1:** Be able to identify types of signs and know their meanings.
  - **A2:** Be able to identify the different types of signals and pavement markings and know their meanings.
- Standard D: Students will understand the laws that deal with controlling and operating a vehicle.
  - Benchmark:
    - **D2:** Know the laws that deal with controlling and operating a vehicle.
- Standard G: Students will understand the correct responses to special situations and be able to discuss how to correctly identify, approach and travel safely in special situations. Benchmark:
  - **G1:** Understand the laws and safety that pertains to situations involving other vehicles and pedestrians.
- **Standard C:** Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the effects of alcohol and drugs on driving performance and its dangers. **Benchmark**:
  - **C.1:** Be able to explain how alcohol and drugs affect driving performance.
  - **C.2:** Describe Minnesota DWI laws and penalties.

### **Transfer**

# Students will be able to independently use their learning to: (product, high order reasoning)

- Evaluate the importance of traffic signs, signals and pavement markings.
- Evaluate the dangers of driving too fast in a real world situation.
- Make good judgments regarding drinking and driving.

### Meaning

# Unit Understanding(s):

### Students will understand that:

- Drinking and driving can have an impact on not only themselves, but others also.
- Signs, lines and signals are important to know for everyones safety.
- Traffic laws are based off of courtesy and common sense.

### Students will keep considering:

- What is the impact of drinking and driving on society?
- What would happen if there weren't any road signs, lines or signals?

**Essential Question(s):** 

What is the importance of having traffic laws?

• What do I do when I see an emergency vehicle with its lights flashing.

### **Acquisition**

## Knowledge - Students will:

- Know sign colors, shapes and meanings.
- Identify and know line colors, markings and lanes.
- Identify and know signal colors, arrows and flashing versus solid.
- Know Minnesota laws regarding speed limits, emergency vehicles, registration, passenger safety and careless or reckless driving.
- Know how to perform driving maneuvers.
- Know the laws regarding driving around school buses, emergency vehicles, bicycles, railroad crossings and highway work zones.
- Know the laws regarding drinking and driving.
- Understand the impact of drinking and driving.

# Reasoning - Students will:

- Compare and contrast stopping and yielding.
- Compare and contrast careless and reckless driving.

### Skills - Students will:

- Draw the signs shapes and colors.
- Use Simuride to practice understanding signs, lines and signals.
- Use Simuride to respond to traffic lights in various situations.
- Use Simuride to follow traffic laws.
- Use Simuride to show the impact of texting and driving.
- Use Simuride to practice driving skills such as: backing, accelerator, brake, passing, turns, changing lanes parking and roundabouts.
- Use Simuride to show the importance of not drinking and driving.
- Explain the importance of knowing the different line colors.
- Explain the importance of knowing sign shapes and colors.
- Discuss the impact of texting and driving.
- Discuss how to share the road with everyone on the road: trucks, bikes, motorcycles and pedestrians.
- Discuss reasons why drinking and driving is not safe.

## Common Misunderstandings

- They have the right of way when taking a left on a green light.
- Flashing yellow left turn arrow means to proceed with caution.
- They must merge when they encounter an added lane sign.
- The lane end sign means the road narrows.
- A DUI and DWI mean the same thing.
- They can pass a bus in the left lane when it has its red light flashing.
- They must move to the right side and go slow when be overtaken by an emergency vehicle.
- Food can sober up an intoxicated person.
- 1.5 oz shot of whiskey has more alcohol than a beer, glass of wine and a wine cooler.

### Essential new vocabulary

- Prohibited
- Discouraged
- Illegal
- legal
- Commercial vehicle
- Zipper merge
- Controlled Intersection
- Uncontrolled Intersection