

Driver Education Grant Program

Division of Motor Vehicles

Qualifications and Issuance Section
Bureau of Driver Services



Implementation

- Legislation for the Wisconsin Driver Education Grant program (2023 Act 86) was signed in December of 2023
- Program launched in September of 2024
- Legislation approved continuous funding (\$6mil per year) in the biennial budget in July of 2025



Requirements

- The applicant (student) must meet ALL the following criteria to be eligible for the grant:
 - 14.5 and 19 years of age
 - Resident of Wisconsin
 - Do not have any suspensions or revocations on DMV record
 - Qualify for or be receiving free and/or reduced lunch



What does the grant pay for?

- Grant covers 30 hours of classroom, 6 hours of behind the wheel observation and 6 hours of behind the wheel driving
- Any school currently registered as a driver training school in WI can participate
- Grant funds issued to a student expire after 9 months if they are not used



Application Process

- How do students apply for the grant program?
 - DMV Website: Wisconsindmv.gov/degrant
 - Online Application Only
- What does the application require?
 - The applicant enters basic information to establish their identity
 - The applicant also be to self-certifies that they meet the income requirements for the USDA Free or Reduced Lunch program



Application Process Continued...

- Applicant info reviewed for eligibility
- Can be denied for the following reasons:
 - Applicant already holds a WI driver license
 - Applicant has an open withdrawal of the privileges (revocation, suspension, etc.)
 - Applicant entered an out of state address
 - Applicant already has a driver education "completion" on file
 - Applicant already has valid driver education grant coupons
- Approved applicants receive an email that includes both coupon numbers for both Classroom and Behind-the-Wheel training



Redeeming Grant Coupons

- Applicants bring their coupon numbers to any driver training school in Wisconsin
- Driver training schools enter coupon numbers into Wisconsin DMV's Driver Education Completion database
- Funds are sent directly from Wisconsin DMV to the driver training school



What Happens Next?

- Audits
 - driver training school
 - student/applicant
- Administrative Code
 - Legislation was signed
 - Administrative Code – Transportation Chapter 108 in progress



Driver Education Grants Awarded GIS Map

An interactive map was developed to display the location of driver training providers that have received grant funding, how much funding each school has received, and coupon totals. This information is available to the public and is downloadable.



Driver Education Grants Awarded

City
Cannot access data

Driver Training School
Cannot access data

Coupon Status
No category selected

[User Guide](#)

This map shows the location of applicants in the program as well as the location of driver training providers that have received funds.

Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch may apply to have their classroom and behind-the-wheel driver training for a Class D (Regular) driver license paid for through the Driver Education Grant Program. DMV will be issuing up to \$6 million in grant funding on a first-come-first serve basis until funding is depleted.

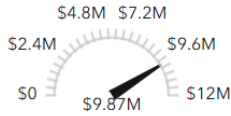
Each applicant receives two coupons (one for classroom and one for behind-the-wheel training). Applicants then give the coupons to driver training providers to redeem. Funds are paid directly from DMV to the driver training providers.

Click here to download: [Driver Education Grant Awarded Data](#)
Click here to download: [Driver Education Grant Awarded School Data](#)

Coupon Total (Two Per Applicant)

54,364

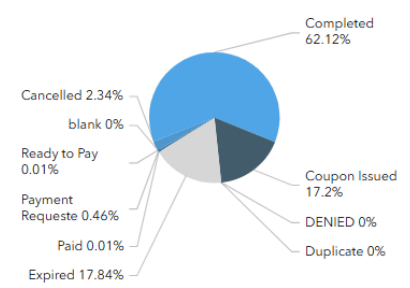
Dollar Amount Redeemed



City, Town, Village by County	Behind The Wheel Coupons Issued	Classroom Coupons Issued	Cancelled Coupons	Tota...
Milwaukee (City) (Milwaukee)	8,502	8,447	95	17,...
Madison (City) (Dane)	1,438	1,403	47	2,888
Racine (City) (Racine)	1,259	1,192	75	2,526
Green Bay (City) (Brown)	565	558	11	1,134
Kenosha (City) (Kenosha)	566	551	15	1,132
West Allis (City) (Milwaukee)	474	469	5	948
Sheboygan (City) (Sheboygan)	350	345	5	700
	27,107	25,985	1,272	54,...

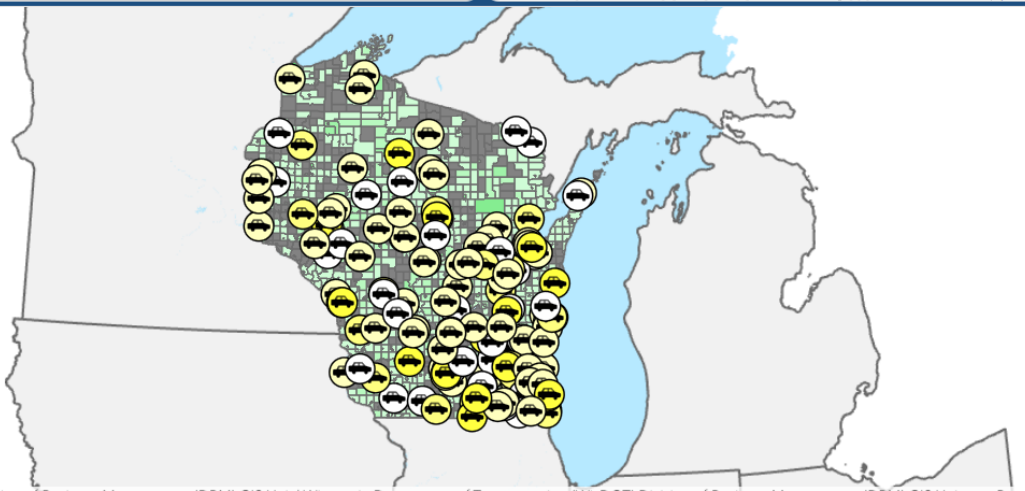
School Name	Coupons Redeemed	\$ Amount
CRASH COURSE DRIVER EDUCATION CENTER LLC	4,378	\$1,560,617
EASY METHOD DRIVING SCHOOL	4,986	\$1,555,125
ARCADE DRIVERS SCHOOL	4,159	\$1,232,824
JUST DRIVE	1,847	\$456,939
FOUR LAKES DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOL	1,373	\$430,375
SAFETY AND RESPECT DRIVING SCHOOL	870	\$220,077
L&B DRIVING SCHOOL OF RACINE LLC	761	\$207,539
CRABMANS DRIVER EDUCATION LLC	656	\$179,060

Coupon Status



Application Status

Driving Schools



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Statistics

- As of August 13, 2026:
 - Approved Applications: 27,197
 - Coupons issued: 54,394
 - Classroom Coupons redeemed: 17,698
 - Behind the Wheel Coupons redeemed: 16,943
 - Total Coupon's Redeemed: 34,641
 - Payment Total: \$10,055,167.60



Program Outcome

- Too soon to tell!
 - Wisconsin DMV is currently gathering crash and citation statistics to eventually compare safe driving habits of teens that completed driver education in the grant program to those that waited until they turned 18 and did not complete driver education programs.



Contact Information

For questions or concerns regarding the grant program, you may contact the grant program at:

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Questions

