

761—634.7(321) Driver education—teaching parent. As an alternative to a driver education course offered by a course provider approved under rule 761—634.3(321), a teaching parent may instruct a student in an approved course of driver education.

634.7(1) Instruction by a teaching parent.

a. A teaching parent will instruct the student using an approved course.

b. The teaching parent will select the course to be used from the list of approved courses posted at www.iowadot.gov/mvd/driverseducation/Parent-taught/Step-2 and will purchase the course directly from the applicable course vendor.

c. No person will provide driver education as a teaching parent unless the person meets the definition of a teaching parent, and the department will not recognize driver education that was:

- (1) Provided by a person who does not meet the definition of a teaching parent.
- (2) Provided to a person who is not a student as defined in rule 761—634.2(321).
- (3) Offered under a course other than an approved course.

634.7(2) Course completion—certificate of completion.

a. Upon the student's completion of an approved course, the teaching parent will apply for a certificate of completion on behalf of the student pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.178A.

b. The department will deny issuance of a certificate of completion if:

- (1) The course was not conducted by a person meeting the definition of a teaching parent.
- (2) The application does not properly identify a student eligible to be instructed in driver education by the teaching parent.
- (3) The application and evidence do not demonstrate the student's successful completion of an approved course.

- (4) The application and evidence do not include all documentation, statements, certifications, and logs required by Iowa Code section 321.178A in adequate and proper form and content.

- (5) The department has determined that the application should be rejected for any reason listed in Iowa Code section 321.13.

c. If the application is denied, the department will issue a letter of denial to the teaching parent explaining the reason for the denial.

d. If the application is approved, the department will issue a certificate of completion to the student. A certification of completion issued by the department under this subrule constitutes proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in driver education but shall not be grounds for waiver of a driving test under 761—subrule 604.31(2).

634.7(3) Course approval.

a. For a course to become an approved course under Iowa Code section 321.178A, a vendor of a driver education curriculum will submit an application on a form provided by the department to the address in rule 761—634.1(321), along with a copy of all proposed curriculum materials.

b. To be designated as an approved course, the curriculum submitted must, at a minimum, meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 321.178A, be appropriate for teaching-parent-directed driver education and related street or highway instruction, and meet or exceed the required content set forth in the Appendix to this rule.

c. If the proposed curriculum does not meet the requirements for an approved course, the department will issue a letter of denial to the course vendor explaining the reason for denial.

d. If the proposed curriculum is approved, the department will issue a certificate of approval to the vendor designating the curriculum as an approved course and will list the approved course on the department's website. Course approval will be issued for one calendar year or for the remainder of a calendar year. The approval expires on December 31 and must be renewed annually by the submission of an application on a form provided by the department and all required materials as set forth in this subrule at least 60 days prior to the expiration date unless otherwise approved by the department.

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