

2.1.3 States shall require core driver instructional hours that focus on the driving task and safe driving practices sufficient to meet the criteria established by the end-of-course examination.

a) States shall require increased minimum instruction hours consisting of:

- 45 hours of classroom/theory;
- 10 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction; and
- 10 hours of additional flexible, verifiable instruction, consisting of any of the following, as defined in these standards:
- Observation Behind-the-wheel Range Simulation Classroom (face-to-face or online)
Computer-based independent student learning

NOTE: Flexibility in the delivery of the required instructional hours is described in Standards 2.3.5, 2.3.6 and 2.4. NOTE: Use of substitution hours within classroom and behind-the-wheel (BTW) does not reduce the amount of instructional time required for the 10 Hours of Additional Flexible, Verifiable Instruction.

b) States shall require instructional hours to be delivered across multiple learning stages (e.g. Segment I and Segment II as defined in NHTSA's GDL Model). NOTE: Flexibility in the delivery of the required instructional hours is described in Standards 2.3.5, 2.3.6 and 2.4.

2.1.4 States shall ensure that the instruction of novice drivers is completed using concurrent and integrated classroom and behind-the-wheel time where the bulk of the classroom instruction occurs close in time to the in-vehicle instruction to ensure the maximum transfer of skills. States should establish requirements for driver education which:

a) requires full attendance and successful completion of classroom and behind-the-wheel.

b) ensures classroom instruction is spread out over a period of time (distributive learning) and is not completed in fewer than 30 days.

c) consists of classroom instruction periods that should not exceed 120 minutes per day. d) consists of behind-the-wheel instruction that:

- has not more than 3 students in the vehicle.
- ensures that each student drives no more than 90 minutes per day.
- is integrated with laboratory driving simulation and/or driving range instruction, if applicable.
- may be in addition to classroom instruction provided per day.