

Drivers Ed.

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According to the CDC, car crashes are the leading cause of death in teens aged 16-19. These students most likely had firsthand drivers ed experience, and the rates of death are still that high. Imagine what inexperienced, minimally engaged drivers would bring to the roads. That rate would go up. Watching videos as a learning experience is called passive learning, which is a learning type where students receive information with minimal direct interaction and without immediate feedback which are both so important while driving. Passive learning is an unreliable way to retain information especially when it is proven that information not properly retained reduces performance rates of any task by 40%. When the task at hand is a life-or-death matter, that number is highly significant.

Changing the criteria of driver's education to simply watching learning videos is a terrible idea that frightens me. It makes me reflect on how thankful I am that I got an opportunity to pass drivers education with supervised practice in the car weekly. Without that simulation-based learning, I would've been too nervous of a driver which could've ultimately affected me and the people around me. Driving is a privilege. A car is a weapon. Both need to be wielded correctly.