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**2023 Wisconsin Act 86**  
[2023 Assembly Bill 394]

**Driver Education Grant Program**

### 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 86

2023 Wisconsin Act 86 directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish and administer a driver education grant program. Under the program, DOT may provide grants to a provider of a driver education course for classroom instruction, behind-the-wheel instruction, or both.

The following providers may receive a grant:

- A public school providing a course approved by DOT or the Department of Public Instruction (DPI).
- A technical college providing a course approved by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System.
- A nonpublic, private, or tribal school providing a course that meets minimum standards set by DPI.
- A driver school licensed by DOT.

A grant may be awarded only for the purpose of funding a course in driver education for a specified individual, and the individual must satisfy the income eligibility criteria for a free or reduced-price lunch in the federal school lunch program. A grant may be awarded only for a course designed to result in an individual obtaining an initial operator's license for the operation of only "Class D" motor vehicles, and the grant may not exceed the cost that would have been incurred by the individual in taking the course.

**Effective date:** December 8, 2023

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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