

IDEA JOURNAL

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President's Message

Welcome to all Association members! The Executive Committee has been extremely busy planning for the upcoming IHSCDEA State Conference which is slated for May 6 – 8 in Effingham, Illinois, and I am hopeful that I will be able to see many of you in early May.....

To read Brent's complete letter please
[CLICK HERE](#)

Regards,

Brent Johnston
President
IHSCDEA

It's Finally Here.....

We are extremely excited to present the first IHSCDEA IDEA electronic journal. Beth and I have worked tirelessly over the last few months to provide the members of the association with an exciting and interesting e-journal! Our hope is that you will enjoy the new format and find it easy to read and interact with! As you browse through the pictures and articles, feel free to click around! There are MANY links that will take you to various web pages, stories, and videos! We would like the association members to know that we are ALWAYS looking for contributions to the e-journal. If you have a topic you would like us to cover or an event at your school that you would like to highlight PLEASE reach out!

-[Elizabeth Whitham](#), Editor

-[Beth Tepen](#), Content Curator

Goal

- ...improve the competencies of its members
- ...establish and maintain ethical standards
- ...promote group solidarity
- ...promote acceptance and public support for the profession

Purpose

- ...To improve and upgrade the teaching by high school and college instructors of traffic safety and driver education in the high schools and colleges of Illinois
- ...To promote research which attempts to solve problems associated with traffic safety and publish the
- ...To cooperate with other agencies which are concerned with traffic safety and driver education in the high schools and colleges in Illinois.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

IHSCDEA State Conference
May 6-8 2020
Thelma Keller Convention
Center
Effingham, IL
[Conference Details](#)

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to save \$10 and pre-register!
Pre-registration is available
until April 24th, 2020



Get a jump on your fall
planning!!
Check out the tentative fall
workshop calendar for the
2020-2021 school year.
[Fall Workshop Schedule](#)

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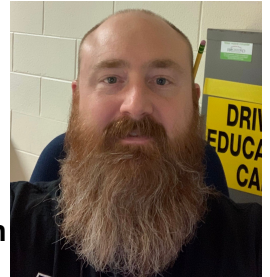
We're online too! Check out
the [IHSCDEA](#) web page for
more information.

Please make sure to check
out the [Legislative Updates](#)
section of the IHSCDEA web
page. You will find important
information on legislative
matters that may impact
Driver Education!

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Hey everyone meet Jake Burke!

Jake is the driver education teacher at Jefferson High School in Rockford, Illinois. He currently holds an undergraduate degree in physical education from Western Illinois University, a master's degree from St Xavier University, and a driver education certification from Northern Illinois University!



Jake began his career at LaSalle Peru Township High School but took his talents to Jefferson where he has continued to teach for the last several years. When asked what he liked about teaching driver ed he had this to say, "I like teaching and coaching kids. Starting with a raw understanding of something and helping them achieve a greater understanding is always fulfilling. With driver education in particular, I enjoy the excitement that most kids bring with this new adventure into the real world. Obviously the leverage we as driver ed instructors have is an advantage but most of my students are interested and engaged in learning how to drive safely and legally. There is never a dull moment in driver ed."

The IHSCDEA IDEA journal editors would like to thank Jake for his many years of service in driver education! Please send an email to [Elizabeth Whitham](#) if you would like to nominate a teacher for the "Teacher Spotlight" section!

URBANA HIGH SCHOOL

PROJECT IGNITION



UHS Driver Education teacher Nathan Watson along with behind the wheel instructors Judy Weber-Jones and Randy Blackman helped over 20 students commit to promote the use of safety belts and elimination of distracted driving.

Click the image above to see more about the great things happening at UHS!



Get ready!!

April is "National Distracted Driving Awareness Month."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will be launching their annual "U DRIVE. U TEXT. U PAY" campaign April 6-13. This particular campaign is targeted towards men and women ages 18-34 however raising awareness about distracted driving is a topic that is most certainly NOT specific to only this group.

Click the logo above to access the resources provided by the NHTSA for this campaign!

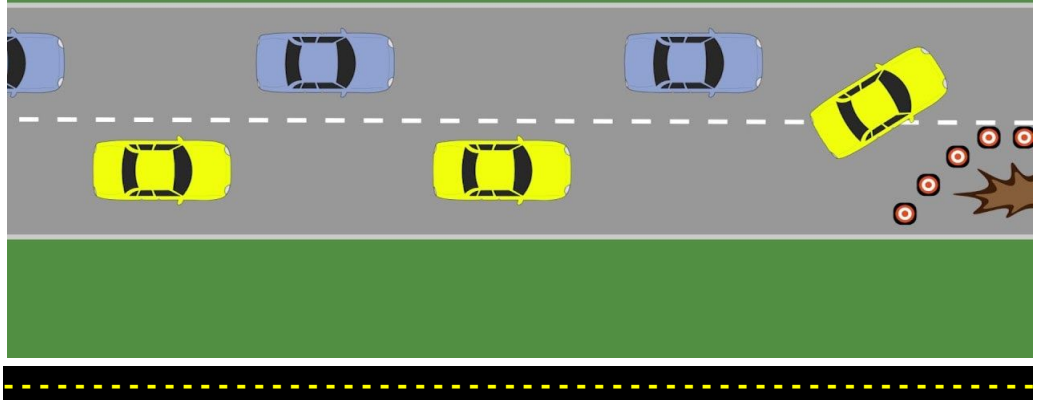
Check out www.distraction.gov for additional information and resources.



How to Properly Merge for Road Construction

Click the image below to view a quick video on the zipper merge method
[Illinois State Police story about using the zipper merge](#)

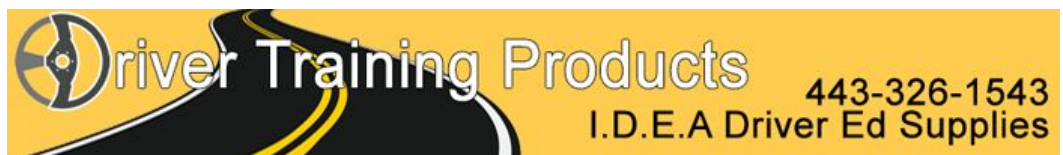
Zipper Merge



Beginning January 1, 2020, Illinois became the 11th state to legalize the use of marijuana for recreational purposes. Click the image above to review the latest article published by the [AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety](#). This report examines the data from fatal crash reports both before and after legalization in the state of Washington.

To learn more about the use and effects please visit

[Let's Talk Cannabis Illinois](#)





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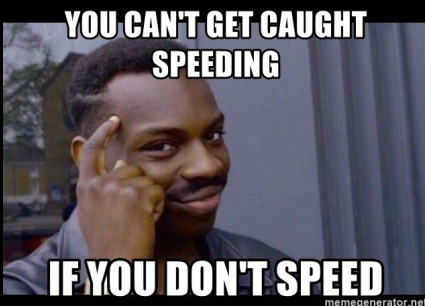
ADTSEA Member

Dr. Dale Ritzel has provided an **update** to a previously published article on the benefits of all IHSCDEA members joining the **American Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association**



May is Global Youth Traffic Safety Month!

Please take this opportunity to talk with your students about the importance of driving responsibly. The **NHTSA-Teen Driving** section provides information on safe driving practices.



IHSCDEA Teacher Endorsement Program

As most are aware, in the fall of 2017 the IHSCDEA partnered with the [University of St. Francis, College of Education](#) to provide Driver Education courses to current educators interested in obtaining a Driver Education endorsement. Dr. Tom Baba has published an **update** regarding the current standing of the teacher endorsement program. If you know someone who may be interested in pursuing an endorsement in Driver Education please direct them to the [certification section](#) of the IHSCDEA webpage.



JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

« **GIVE THEM
DISTANCE** »
PLEDGE

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

IN 2017, SCOTT'S LAW WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ANY VEHICLE DISPLAYING HAZARD LIGHTS ON THE SHOULDER OF THE ROADWAY. ALL OTHER DRIVERS ARE REQUIRED TO SLOW DOWN OR CHANGE LANES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE VEHICLE SPACE. ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION, ALONG WITH SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS, HAS LAUNCHED THE "**GIVE THEM DISTANCE**" CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY ON THE ROADWAYS.

PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME TO REVIEW THE CAMPAIGN MATERIALS/INFORMATION AND ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO "**TAKE THE PLEDGE.**"

State Farm



Prom and Graduation seasons are right around the corner! State Farm has provided some tips for teen drivers during these celebratory times.



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**Online Resource for Illinois:
An exam practice site for student driving permits can be available for your school by partnering with your school or public library.**

United Township High School's site in East Moline has been accessed over 500 times in 2019-2020. Only one other high school library has established a relationship; your school could be next. Visit Driving-Tests.org for more information and contact your librarian!

SPRING BREAK!

As we head into spring break (and the seemingly so far away summer break) season it is imperative that students know **WHERE** they can drive!

We've ALL heard it!

"I'm going to Florida for spring break. Is my permit good in Florida????"

THIS DOCUMENT allows students to check and see if their permit is valid in the state(s) they are visiting. Students can plan out the route for their trip to be sure they follow the rules set by states outside of Illinois.



The Board of Directors would like to acknowledge four teachers that will be retiring this year. We would like to congratulate these teachers on their retirement and thank them for the contributions they have made to our profession over the years!

Hedi Haueisen- 38 yrs of service- New Trier High School- Region 2

Chris Hughes- 33 yrs of service- Tri City High School- Region 6

Donald Kinnunen- 33 yrs of service- Proviso West High School- Region 2

Robert Simmers-20 yrs of service-Fairfield Community High School- Region 10

Please contact Mike Hionis if you have information about a retiree.





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