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Office of Career and Technical Education

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TO: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Schools
Public School Administrators
Nonpublic School Administrators
Charter School Administrators

FR: Amy Cox, Director Career and Technical Education

RE: Driver Traffic and Safety Education (DTSE) Frequently Asked Questions

The following questions will help to clarify information related to the updated guidance memo on Drivers and Traffic Safety Education Programs in response to COVID-19 released on August 26, 2020.

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Will the August 26, 2020 guidance apply going forward? Will it apply for both the spring 2020 session that was cancelled due to COVID and for new classes going forward, including the fall 2020 session?

   Answer: The flexibilities allowed in the August 26, 2020 Updated DTSE Guidance apply to the spring 2020 sessions that ended when schools closed and will remain in place until schools are able to return fully to in-person instruction without the possibility of sudden closures due to COVID-19-related circumstances.

2. Does the August 26, 2020 DTSE Guidance mean we can start a new fall 2020 DTSE class of students?

   Answer: NYSED-approved DTSE programs may start new Fall 2020 classes with students. NYSED-approved DTSE programs may provide in-person classroom instruction,

8. Will a grade need to be issued on the MV-285 for the in-vehicle portion of the class?

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students' grades for the in-[illegible]

9. What information is DMV going to require on the attestation for parent/guardian instruction?

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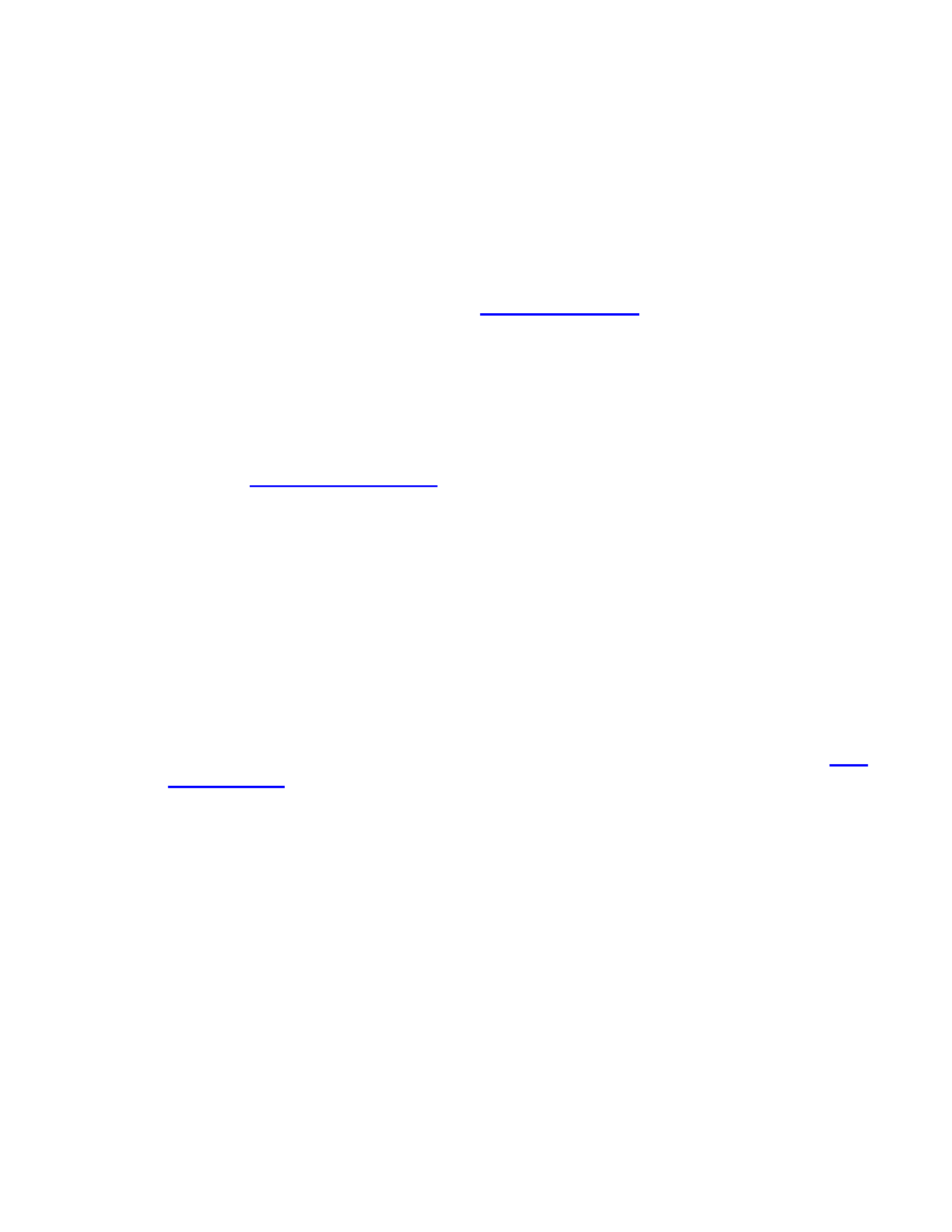
school's responsibility to determine



31. What if students took the 5-hour course outside the driving school? Would those hours count towards the 24 hours required since they passed their road test?

Answer: Students must complete a full NYSED-approved DTSE program to earn their MV-285 Certificate of Completion and be eligible for the Class D license. This requires 24 hours of classroom instruction and 24 hours of laboratory (in-vehicle instruction). If the required driving hours to sit for their road test were taken separately from the NYSED-approved DTSE program, then those hours cannot count toward the 24 hours required for the laboratory portion of the DTSE program.