

ONLINE VS. CLASSROOM

Auto crashes are the leading killer of our teens and are responsible for two out of every five teen deaths. Your teen is at risk because of their lack of driving experience and knowledge. So as parents, we must recognize that the process of learning to drive is one of the first steps we take in keeping our teens safe. Your teen can satisfy the 30 hours of instruction required by the State of Georgia through classroom or online training. Each has its merits

The value of live Instructor led classroom training is undeniable. Instructors can keep the student involved and engrossed through face to face interaction, guest speakers (police department, drug counselors, etc.), group discussions, group activities, group problem solving and peer to peer interaction. These classroom dynamics aid and increase student attention, comprehension, retention and fun. Instructors are also able to pick up non verbal cues such as body language to determine whether comprehension is actually taking place or questions need to be asked. Finally, the controlled environment of the classroom eliminates disruptions and distractions and keeps the student focused on the subjects at hand.

The primary benefits of online training are convenience and cost. Impossible work and school schedules sometimes make online driver training the optimum choice as classroom training schedules typically takes place over the course of two consecutive weekends or (when school is out) 5 consecutive week days. Online allows your teen the convenience of training when they have the time. Online training can also be more convenient for your teen when transportation issues limit their access to the classroom training.

The initial upfront investment of online training is much less, sometimes as much as 50% less. It is worthy to note that upfront costs are typically less but in some cases overall cost may be end up being greater. The overall costs will be greater if and when the student is not allowed the 3 year 10% insurance discount, the Georgia \$150 tax credit is not earned and the loss of package discounts (classroom training and behind the wheel) offered by many schools.

Understanding your teens personality and prior driving knowledge is a big consideration when considering online training. The online course will require your teen to be very self disciplined, organized and focused. They will have no direct access to help for problems, motivation or explanations. The other consideration is that the home environment can sometimes create distractions and disruptions that impact the students learning.

Access Education Driving School offers both the online and classroom training. We hope the above information makes your decision a bit easier. The bottom line after all is your young driver's safety.