

OBSERVATIONS

Drivers Education for the future hits the Valley

Drivers Ed Direct is a new company that revolutionizes today's driver education. Drivers Ed Direct teaches students in a language they understand using technology and the internet. All the course work is done online, in the comfort of your own home. This is a real benefit since most other driving schools require you to attend forty or more hours in an actual classroom. Not only is online training more convenient, but it is more effective. Students will have the opportunity to view interactive media and other content, rather than a simple diagram drawn on a chalkboard in a classroom. Online training courses are more convenient for parents and a more effective teaching method for students. Also since learning is done at home, there is more parent involvement in the drivers training courses.

Drivers Ed also exclusively uses gas-electric hybrid vehicles. "We raise the bar by utilizing hybrid vehicles and we teach state of the art vehicles techniques, such as, we teach our students different ways to hold the steering wheel, so that in the event of an accident, the student will not hit himself in the face because of the airbag" says Russ Shuster, an instructor for Drivers Ed Direct. Mr. Shuster not only is an instructor for Drivers Ed Direct, but he also wrote the drivers education curriculum for the state of California as well as Drivers Ed Direct.

That's Right, not only are you learning how to drive in a brand new hybrid vehicle, but you are protecting the environment. The entire fleet

of cars and SUV's are hybrid so we are teaching teens driving as well as the importance of social responsibility and caring for the environment.

Every car in their fleet is brand new. Every car has extra safety equipment such as side & head curtain airbags and vehicle stability control systems. Especially when first learning how to drive, it is important to have a car that can withstand a potential accident.

They also offer training with SUV cars as well. Many teens drive an SUV and it is important for a driving school to educate students use with specialized training in our hybrid SUV to teach student drivers the special skills and safety issues associated with driving an SUV.

Not only are the new cars fun to drive, but they are environmentally safe, and all the cars are equipped with a video camera system that will record drivers training sessions digitally in order to provide students with a DVD to watch after their lessons. I wish Drivers Ed Direct was around when I did my drivers training!

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Instructors pose for a picture in front of their 2005 Prius hybrid vehicle



2005 Ford Escape hybrid