



## Driving on the Right Side of the Road Conference

February 3, 2011

Hilton Austin Airport Hotel

For Elementary Social Studies/Language Arts Teachers &  
Secondary Social Studies Teachers

### About the Conference\*

#### Agenda

- 7:30 Registration
- 8:30 Why Traffic Safety Matters to Our Schools
- 9:00 The Legislative Process & Traffic Safety
- 10:00 Role of the Executive & Related Agencies
- 11:00 Our Court System
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Traffic Safety Issues for Young Audiences
- 2:00 Practical Lessons for Your Classroom
- 4:30 Adjourn

\* tentative: subject to change - a confirmation letter with agenda will be mailed in January



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# Driving on the Right Side of the Road (DRSR)

## For Secondary Social Studies Teachers & Elementary Social Studies/Language Arts Teachers

STOP! Don't speed past this training opportunity that combines social studies skills and important traffic safety issues.

**Participants will receive lessons and relevant information that incorporates specific Texas legislative and judicial processes while encouraging TEKS development and TAKS preparation.**

Lessons incorporate the latest Law-Related Education instructional strategies, as well as the opportunity to utilize judges and court support personnel as resource persons in classrooms. Although social studies classes will be the main focus, other disciplines can readily use the materials.

All participants will receive a kit containing the differentiated units, appropriate support material, class sets of manipulatives for small and large group instruction, and online computer games information.

The State Bar of Texas Law-Related Education Department, in conjunction with Law Focused Education, Inc., has teamed up with the Texas Municipal Court Education

Center to create this conference. Lunch will be provided for all participants on site.

Our hope is that social studies teachers will then be prepared to offer the traffic safety program in local classrooms, using municipal judges and court support personnel as resource persons. Classroom instruction will be supported by the DRSR website, a listserv, and a webinar series throughout the year. These resources will offer additional information about traffic safety and will allow for problem solving and idea sharing on how to teach traffic safety issues and procedures to young people.

**This conference serves as a pre-conference to the 2011 Law-Related Education Conference sponsored by the State Bar of Texas. Participants do not have to attend both the LRE and DRSR conferences. Contact the LRE Department to register for the LRE Conference at [www.texaslre.org](http://www.texaslre.org) or call for more information 512.427.1822.**

### The units include:

- Lesson Plans
- Activity Sheets
- Class Sets of Manipulatives
- Online Computer Games
- City Government Simulation
- Do Nows
- Bilingual Materials
- Mock Trials

### About Your Expenses for the DRSR Conference

Limited TxDOT grant funds are available to pay for sleeping rooms at the hotel on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. A travel stipend up to \$100 will help with travel and meal expense. You will be asked to seek reimbursement, documenting the expenses, and be reimbursed up to \$100. Receipts are required. Tips and alcohol are not allowable.

Mileage or airfare will be reimbursed. Mileage at a rate of 50 cents a mile, based on Google or Mapquest mileage estimates.

Note: This reimbursement is only for those attending the DRSR Conference. Expenses incurred on February 4-5th during the LRE Conference are not reimbursable under this grant.



# 2011 Driving on the Right Side of the Road (DRSR) February 3, 2011 Austin

Texas teachers (grades K-12), administrators, curriculum specialists, and community resource persons are invited to the 2011 DRSR Conference at the Hilton Austin Airport, Austin.

**Hotel accommodations** have been blocked at the **Hilton Austin Airport**, 9515 Hotel Drive for the night of Wednesday, February 2, 2011 with a **reservation deadline of January 1, 2011**. A limited amount of grant funds are available to pay for participants housing and up to \$100 travel stipend towards mileage, airfare, or meals (per state guidelines).

### DEADLINE FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: JANUARY 1, 2011

Registration is limited to the first 75 applications with a refundable deposit of \$45 - make checks payable to the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center (TMCEC).

### 2011 DRSR Conference Registration Form

#### PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name you prefer on your name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject(s) and grades you teach: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ School Telephone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

May we print your name, address and e-mail address in the participant list for the conference? \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch will be served each day, so if you have any **special dietary requirements** indicate below:  
\_\_\_\_\_

- \$45 deposit enclosed (will be returned upon attendance at conference).
- I am requesting a sleeping room February 2, 2011.
- I am requesting a travel stipend.
- I also plan to attend the LRE Conference on February 4-5, 2011.

#### Please indicate form of payment.

Check Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

(or)

PO#: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FAX: 512.435.6118**

**OR MAIL: TMCEC/1609 Shoal Creek Blvd. Ste. 302/Austin, TX 78701**

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## About Driving on the Right Side of the Road

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15-20 year olds. Younger children are often hurt if they do not wear their safety belt, do not obey traffic signals, or fail to wear protective equipment when bicycling or rollerblading. The purpose of the DRSR program is to offer a preventive educational program to encourage responsible decision-making when it comes to obeying traffic laws and to follow safe practices.

The DRSR program has created a series of lessons for social studies classes at the elementary and secondary levels on citizenship, education, and traffic safety. The program is aligned with the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills), which all students are tested on in Texas public schools.

The lessons use interactive strategies and online games to teach traffic safety while studying city, state, and national government, the three branches of government, and the responsibilities of citizenship. Elementary lessons also use traffic safety content to teach language arts and math skills.

Information sheets provide teachers with background information about traffic laws and municipal court. It is recommended that teachers contact local municipal judges, court support personnel, and city prosecutors and ask them to serve as resource persons in the classroom. Resource persons can bring the lessons alive by providing real life or hypothetical examples, accurate descriptions of what the law requires, and serve as positive role models for students.

### What Teachers Say

- *Finally a workshop that had everything. ¡Muchas gracias!*
- *It is nice to have a workshop that not only gives you information, but also gives you the tools to actually implement what was learned!*
- *Lots of great activities for my classroom. Fast paced and engaging.*
- *You leave the training with wonderful resources, materials, and ideas.*
- *So glad to see more primary materials added.*
- *Absolutely wonderful as always!*