

2026 Maryland Driver Education Curriculum — SUGGESTED Action Checklist

For School Owners & Instructors | Implementation Date: October 5, 2026

School Owners — Before October 5

- ☐ **Download the new 2026 curriculum** from the same MVA FTP server used for the 2017 curriculum.
- ☐ If you no longer have your FTP credentials, **contact MVA to have them resent.**
- ☐ **Keep FTP credentials restricted to school owners.** Do not provide the username/password to instructors.
- ☐ When logging into the FTP server, **copy and paste the username and password** rather than manually typing them to reduce the risk of locking the account.
- ☐ Download both the **English and Spanish curriculum presentations**, as applicable to your school.
- ☐ Provide instructors with downloaded/zipped curriculum files so they can review them. Remote instructors may receive the files; they should **not receive the FTP credentials.**
- ☐ Watch the FTP server for the remaining materials:
 - **Instructor guides**
 - **Updated unit quizzes**
 - **Updated final examination**
 - Spanish supporting materials expected **no later than September 28, 2026**
- ☐ Make sure instructors understand that **there is no separate student workbook.** Activities, reviews and knowledge checks are incorporated into the curriculum.
- ☐ Prepare your school's classroom and/or virtual teaching procedures for the **October 5 rollout.**

Instructors — Review Before Teaching

- ☐ Review the new curriculum **before your first class using it.** It contains more than **750 slides** and significantly more interactive material.
- ☐ Review the **presenter/instructor notes embedded in the PowerPoint slides.** These provide teaching guidance even before the separate instructor guide is available.
- ☐ Become familiar with the new unit organization:
Welcome to Driver Education → Language of the Road → Getting Started → Driving the Vehicle → Driving in Neighborhoods → Urban/Suburban/Rural Roads → Expressways → Difficult Situations → Making Good Decisions → Responsibilities of Vehicle Ownership.
- ☐ Pay particular attention to expanded instruction involving **ADAS/vehicle technology, distracted driving, impairment/BAC, vulnerable road users, SEE strategies, urban/suburban/rural driving, expressways, roadside emergencies and vehicle ownership.**
- ☐ Review the new **videos, warm-up activities, scenarios, reviews and knowledge checks** before deciding whether supplemental material is necessary.

- ☐ Remember that previously approved curriculum videos may continue to be used, but MVA recommends reviewing the new curriculum first because it is designed to provide sufficient material for the required instructional time.
- ☐ If teaching virtually, review the curriculum's new **virtual-learning rules and expectations**.

October 5 Transition

- ☐ **October 5, 2026 is the rollout date.**
- ☐ A class that begins during the week before October 5 may **finish using the old curriculum**.
- ☐ **Do not switch an existing class to the new curriculum midway through the course.**
- ☐ After that existing class concludes, the **next class must use the new 2026 curriculum**.
- ☐ Begin using the **new quizzes and final exam** with the new curriculum once the applicable materials are provided by MVA.

Professional Development Credit

- ☐ This curriculum training provides **2 hours of professional development credit**.
- ☐ Attendees must provide their **name and school name** in the training chat during the curriculum training session.
- ☐ If several instructors attend from the same location, MVA must be able to **see each attendee on camera** for attendance verification.
- ☐ Note the training when submitting professional-development paperwork so MVA can verify attendance.
- ☐ Repeating the same curriculum training **does not provide additional/duplicate credit**.
- ☐ Additional training opportunities mentioned by MVA are **September 17 and September 28, 2026**.