

Oklahoma Challenge

SIMPLE IDEAS to CREATE AWARENESS AT SCHOOL

- **Make announcements at school (every day for one week or once a month) and have your Team leaders display posters at school in the halls, cafeteria, classrooms, doors to parking lots, etc.**
- **Make an “it’s not OK to text & drive” banner and have a banner-signing or pledge form-signing event during lunch. Then hang banner with signatures in the entry hall of your school or in the gym.**
- **Add an assembly in the gym or presentation in the auditorium.**

Morning Announcements (Maybe used as is or as a guide to write your own.)

- **It’s National Teen Driver Safety Week – so FCCLA is kicking-off a safe-driving campaign for drivers and passengers! If you drive – finish your text before you start the car. If you are a passenger in a car when the driver starts to text – speak up! Say ‘you drive – I’ll text!’ The life you save may be your own or someone you care about.**
- **(Name of) High School wants to keep our (mascots) safe and happy. Take the pledge: “To never text while driving and to stop others from texting and driving while you are a passenger. Remember, “it’s not OK to text & drive”.**
- **It is against the law to text and drive in Oklahoma. A \$100 ticket can be given. If “U Drive. U Text. U Pay.” So put down your phone and just drive. C’mon, you can do it!**

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- Do you have your drivers permit or license? Practice safe driving. Before you start the engine, turn off your cell phone! Car crashes are the number one cause of death of teenagers in the U.S. One of the main causes is distracted driving. Cell phones are the biggest distractions. Remember – send your text before you drive.
- Imagine 8 empty seats in your classroom. That's how many teenagers die every day in car crashes in the United States. Most of them from talking or texting while driving. Keep your classroom full. Stop the Texts. Stop the Wrecks.
- Hey! You! That's right, I'm talking to you. Don't ride in the car with a driver who texts while driving. Use your voice and speak up as a passenger. Be the 'designated texter'! Make sure the driver is free from cell-phone distraction. Ask the driver to keep both hands on the wheel, keep both eyes on the road and keep their mind on the job of driving.
- Do you text while driving? If so, you are 23 times more likely to be in a car crash compared to a driver that doesn't text. So, put your down your phone and just drive. Avoid a crash and stay alive.
- If you don't pay attention in class, you might fail. If you don't pay attention when you drive, you might crash. Keep your eyes on the road – keep your hands on the steering wheel and make sure your brain pays attention to the job of driving.
- Car crashes are the #1 killer of American teenagers. Let's change that statistic! It's better to stay alive than to stay connected. (Mascot) - turn off your phone before you drive and stay alive!