# Younger Seat Belt Safety Education in a Socially Distanced World

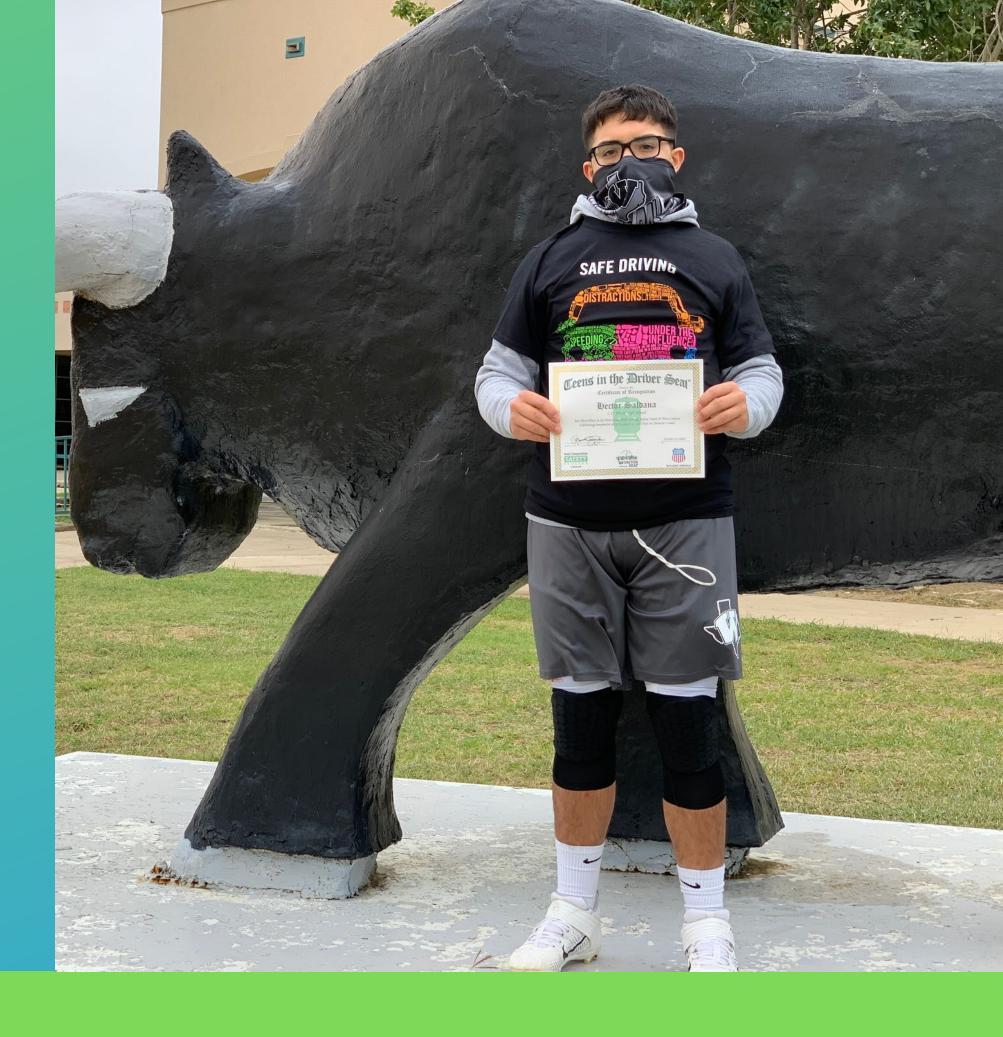
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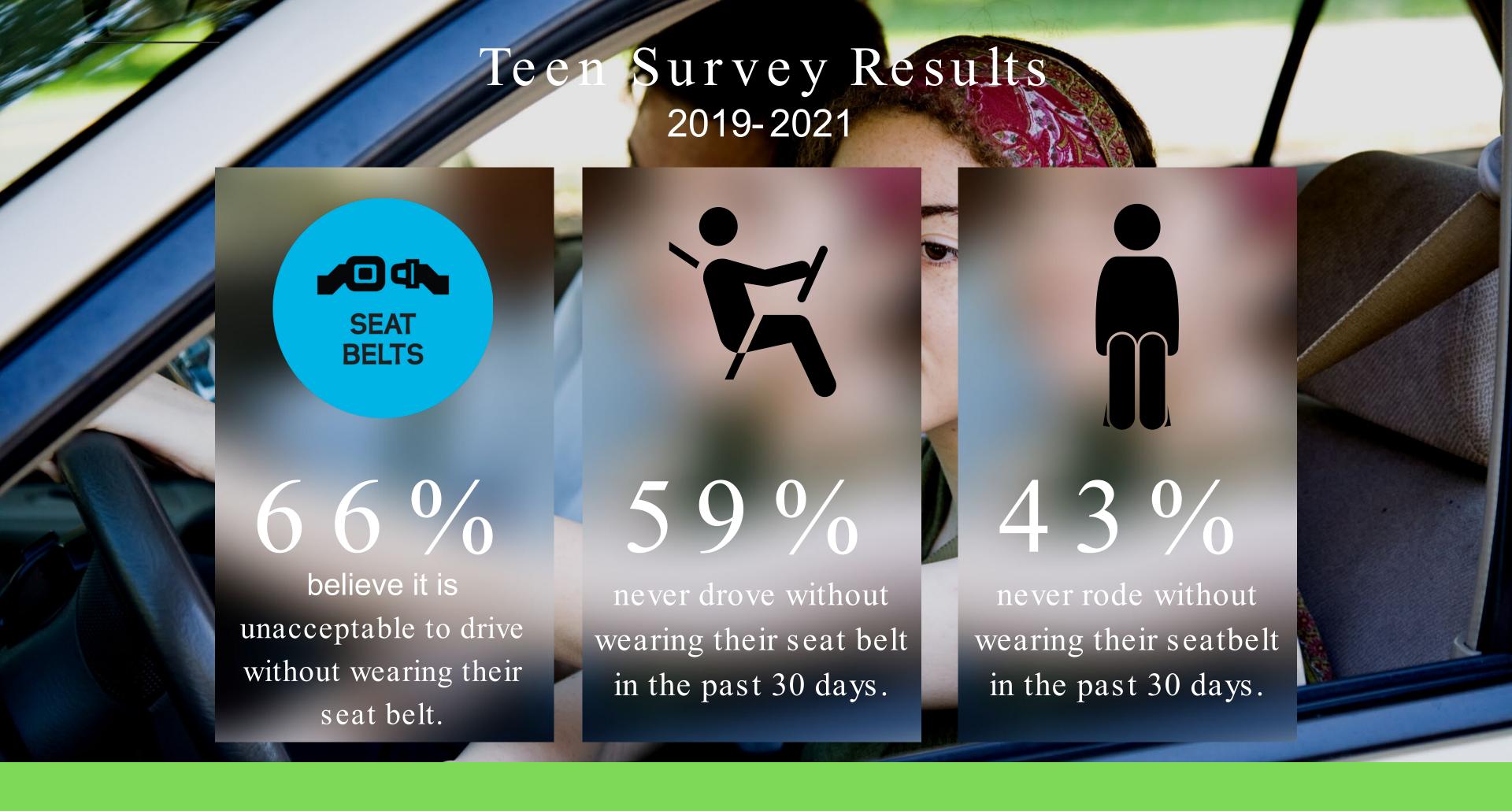
YEAR LONG FOCUS
ON TRAFFIC
SAFETY

COVERS MAJOR
RISKS & ROAD
FACTORS

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Our vision is to ensure that America's youth live long and healthy lives through safe practices on our transportation system.

YOUTH TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM



# VIRTUAL LAUNCH

TDS SEAT
BELT
ACTIVITIES

OTHER
DIGITAL
RESOURCES

WHOOPS & POOPS





#### ONLINE RESOURCES

TRAFFIC SAFETY RESOURCES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

Be the change in Teen Traffic Safety. Start saving lives today. Sign up to start a Teer

**WE PROVIDE MATERIALS** 





#### School Closures Prompted Quick Adaptation

Conversion and expansion of digit resources

Re-envisioning of existing activities Increased online engagement Re-branding and marketing





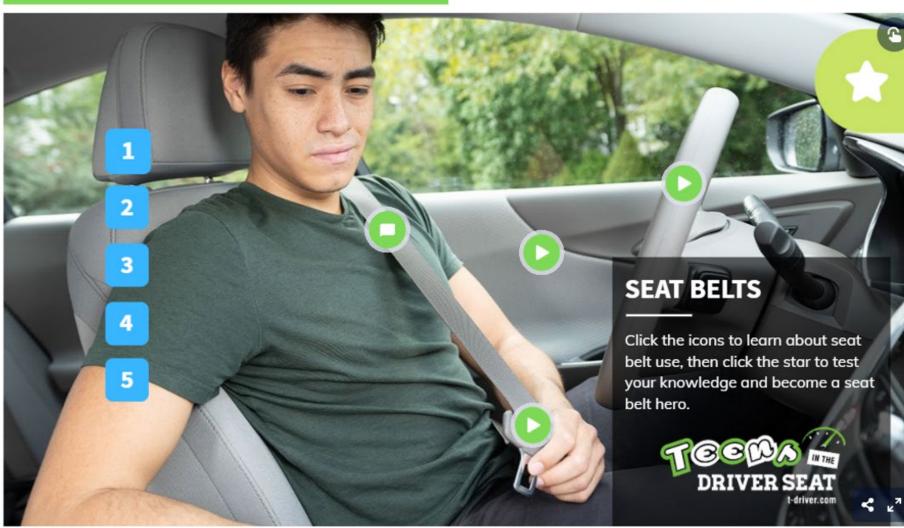


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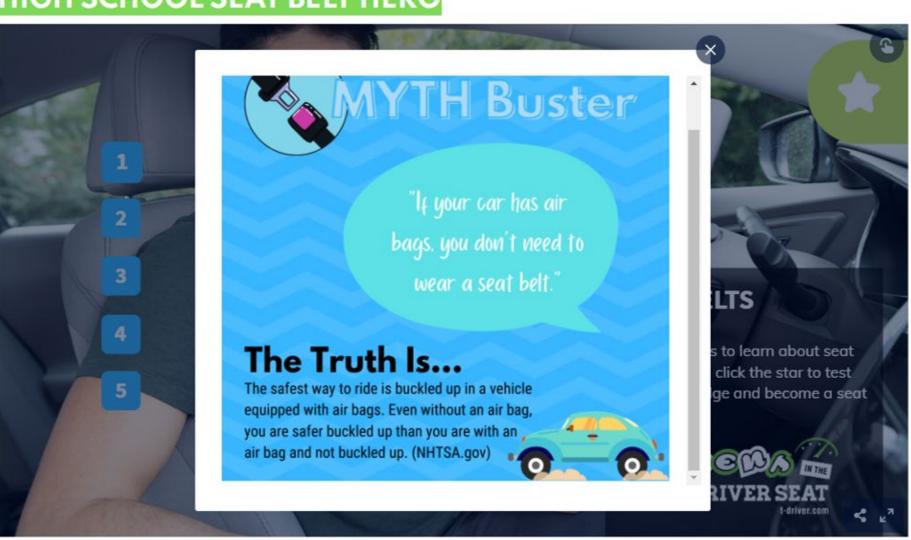
- Focused on improving seat belt use
- Socially distanced
- Allowed for hybrid school models to continue participation
- New Vs. ReturningSchools Results

#### Seat Belt Activities

#### HIGH SCHOOL SEAT BELT HERO



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#### Seat Belt Hero

(Junior High & High School)

Seat Belt Activities







ARE YOU READY?





"SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A SEATBELT CAN SAVE A LIFE, AND THAT'S SOMETHING I TRY AND GET MY FRIENDS TO REALIZE."

Because a seatbelt is such a minor task, people think that it carries minor importance, but it is the exact opposite.

Harlingen High School South, Harlingen, TX

February 2021 Teen of the Month





#### TEEN INFLUENCERS

#### Other Digital Activities



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### Flexibility is Key



- Focused on 24 new initiatives
- Increased engagement by 264%
- Operated at the speed of need
- Curation of several "Click and Go" activities

Whoops and Poops



Taking the bad with the good

- Small Victories
- Every platform doesn't guarantee success
- Expect failures
- Evaluate!

#### Whoops and Poops



Involving teens is critical but with their capacity limited during this time focus on building content to be here when they're ready.



#### Conclusion







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