

What are you looking for in a speaker?

- Education?
- Entertainment?
- Experience?

We also offer performances for Black History Month, Career Day, Parents night and any other special event your school is having!

Who is D.O.?

Hip Hop Artist, Published Writer, Professional Speaker and Entrepreneur.

Duane Gibson aka D.O. is a Guinness World Record setting rapper and University graduate that has been inspiring hundreds of thousands of youth since 2001. D.O. has released several chart topping songs on the radio and had six videos that play in rotation on MuchMusic.

- Set a Guinness World Record by freestyle rapping for 8 hours and 45 minutes!
- Graduated from York University
- Performed at Harvard University

“As a teacher who met these students last year and saw either attitude, shyness, or lack of confidence, it really is amazing to see the difference and positive changes that have happened. You truly have inspired them and made a difference...”

- Teacher, Silverthorn Jr. School, Toronto, Ontario



What others are saying about D.O. and Stay Driven

“D.O. reaches out to youth, instilling in them positivity and self-pride. If only all teachers were this cool!!”

- MuchMusic, Downlo

“I enjoyed the presentation and was impressed at the rapt attention of every student in the gym. Your style is professional yet personal and the message very clear. The advice you give is important for preadolescents whose attitudes and values are just being formed.”

- Gayle Stucke, Director of Education, Lambton Kent District School Board,

“Thanks for coming today - the response after you left was fantastic. The students really responded to your energy, your stories, and your skills!!”

- Teacher, St. Angela Merici School, Brampton, Ontario

“The presentations this morning were amazing. The students really enjoyed themselves. Our students really need someone like you to see that success can be achieved... The hunger for positive role models so needed.”

- Teacher, Sunny View Middle School, Brampton Ontario

Visit Staydriven.com for more references!

BOOK NOW!

Feel free to contact us for bookings, questions, or special requests that you may have.

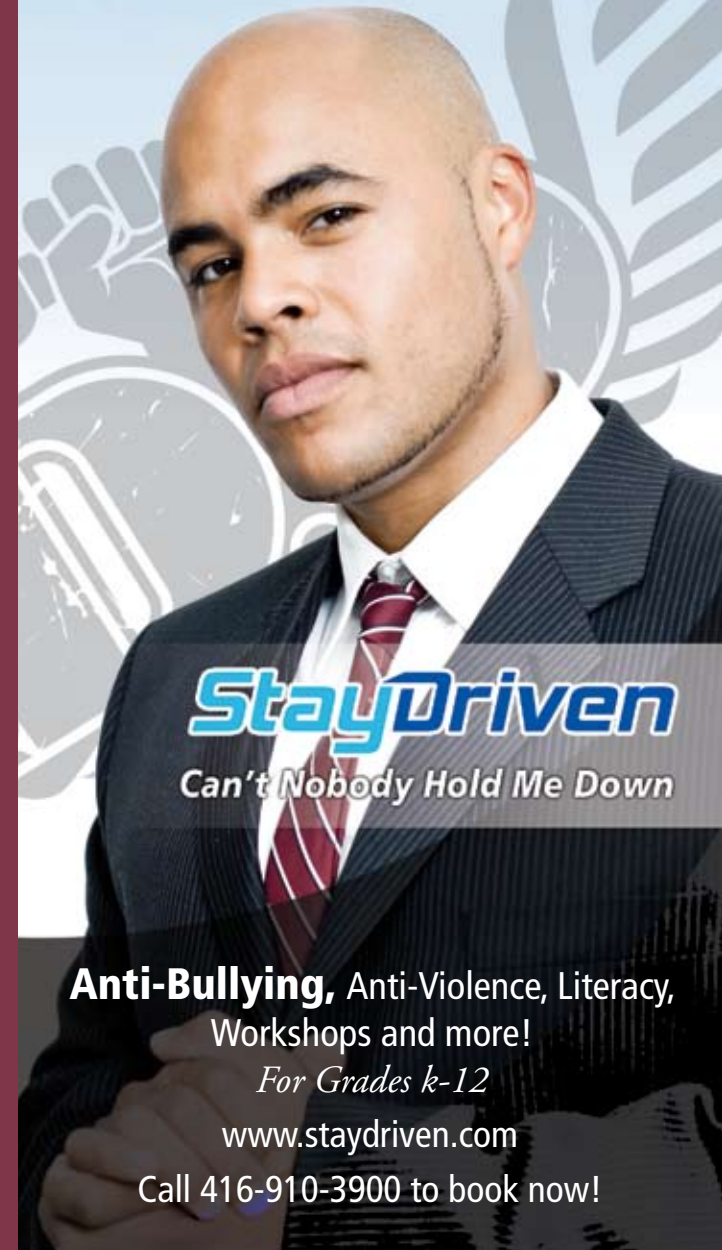
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For Grades k-12

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1. Choose a program
2. Choose three dates that work best with you
3. Call, email, or use our online booking form

1. H.O.L.L.A.

Anti-bullying, Self Confidence, Leadership
Grades: K - 12

H.O.L.L.A. is an acronym standing for Help, Outlet, Lead, Leave and Assert. This program will teach your students practical strategies to combat a variety of bullying scenarios. D.O. will have the whole school rapping "Let it go!" A positive response to would be bullies.

2. In The Zone

Literacy, Creativity, Working at peak performance
Grades: K - 12

Stresses the value of literacy, creative speaking and writing. D.O. will bond with your students as he shares his personal stories through freestyle rap. The program's focus is on the personal power that can be gained through reading, creative writing and speech.

3. Defy the Odds

Anti-violence, Peer Pressure, Leadership
Grades: 9 - 12

D.O. talks about the importance of surrounding yourself with the right group of friends; he addresses the issue of "snitching," and inspires students to follow their goals to reach success.

4. Workshops

D.O. works with your students for half a day or a full day on literacy and music. By the end of the workshop, a class will have created a song and had lots of fun in the process!

Additional topics include: Goal Setting, Racism, and more!

“Had the kids from the get-go!”

- Teacher, Fallingbrook Middle School,
Mississauga Ontario

Is D.O.'s music appropriate for elementary schools?

Yes. In fact, D.O.'s music backs up his message of walking away from confrontation and keeping your cool. D.O. calls upon the audience for spontaneous freestyles. Popular topics often range from Sponge Bob to Michael Jordan to sweaty socks!

If your school is k-8 you may be interested in multiple presentations so that D.O. can do age appropriate presentations for both junior and senior groups.

What does D.O. stand for?

D.O. stands for "Defy the Odds." As a child growing up in small towns across Canada, no one expected a young Duane Gibson to become a rap star.

How is D.O. qualified to speak about topics such as bullying and literacy?

Because it's part of who he is. Growing up in communities where he was the only child of colour, D.O. learned at an early age what it is like to be different from the crowd. He confronted bullies, dealt with racism, and overcame shyness by believing in himself and following thru on his goals.

Will the message disappear when D.O. leaves?

The message is sure to remain because you will receive posters and a CD to play on the morning announcements before and after a Stay Driven performance. We've worked with educators to come up with photocopy friendly follow up material that teachers can use to ensure that our message stays with your students.



D.O.'s North Starr Album



D.O.' and American Idol
winner, Fantasia

“Loved the whole thing!”

- Teacher, Scarborough Village, Scarborough Ontario

What takes place during the presentation?

D.O. will captivate your audience with live performances and video demonstrations while delivering a message supported by personal experiences in school and / or growing up. It's interactive and there are prize giveaways throughout the show.

What is the Fee?

Contact us for more information. We want to know your needs and we will provide a fee structure that matches your situation. Budget concerns? At Stay Driven we believe that no school should be turned away. Our goal is to reach each and every school that will benefit from the Stay Driven message. We will work with your school to make it happen!

Discounts can occur if you help book D.O. into other schools or groups when he is speaking in your area.

What is the length?

One hour. That includes time for questions at the end of the presentation.

What size of audience will you work with?

We work with audiences of all sizes. If your school has more than 500 students we suggest having multiple performances to ensure that all of your students feel the impact.

Discounts are available for booking two and/or three performances at your school. Just ask us!

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