

Parent Orientation

1. Thank you for being here today! Thank you in advance for all you're going to do over the next several weeks in helping get your child to classes and practice drives.
2. Pink Slip
 - A. Call insurance company
 - B. Stay away from buildings (student may get the gas pedal and brake pedal mixed up.)
 - C. Does not need to go to Secretary of State.
 - D. Experience is the best teacher. Supervising a new driver is very, very risky. Use extreme caution. You can get killed driving a car.
 - E. Use at your own risk. Teacher is to read paragraph 2 from "Parent Driving Permit" letter out loud exactly as written.
3. Graduated License
4. Level 1
 - A. Must be 14 years and 9 months
 - B. Allowed to drive with mom or dad or designated 21 year old
5. Level 2
 - A. Must be 16 years
 - B. Take road test – PLEASE schedule at least 1 month in advance
 - C. 50 hours of driving (40 day and 10 night)
 - D. Take Segment 2 (Must be 90 days after getting Level 1 license)
 - E. Must have 6 months on Level 1 License
 - F. Can drive by themselves except for the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5 a.m.. Cannot carry more than one passenger who is under 21 years of age, unless passengers are members of the driver's immediate family, or travel is to or from school or a school-sanctioned event.
6. Level 3
 - A. Must be 17 years
 - B. Must have 6 months on Level 2 License
 - C. Able to drive by themselves with a full blown license
7. Correct Paperwork When Going To Secretary of State
*Birth certificate, SSN, 2 residency (child's name and address), 1 piece of identification- see government SOS website or back of this page for more info.
8. Technicalities
9. Class Schedule-see Contract Extension
10. Driving Schedule
 - A. Stay on top of driving schedule
 - B. Make sure missed practice drives are rescheduled within 21 days or the entire course may have to be retaken
 - C. Groups of 2
11. If ride is late, check Arbys or McDonalds (depending on the location of the class)
12. Hope your child passes-see Contract Extension
13. Special needs?-see Contract Extension
14. If not paid, please pay at least half today
15. Please drive carefully in parking lot
16. Call or text with questions-(810) 743-8217. Email majordrivingnow@gmail.com
17. Forms signed
 - A. Contract Extension
 - B. Private Drive Form and "I understand side"
18. Additional Fees-see Contract Extension and Parent Orientation Letter
19. Segment 1 certificates will emailed or hand delivered when ALL class work, roadwork and makeup work is done and all bills are paid. The class work and road work may take up to 6 weeks to complete. The

Tips for the Trip!

1. Seat adjusted and Seat Belt!
2. Mirrors adjusted. Side mirrors -Sliver of the side of the car, 3/4 ground, 1/4 sky. Rear view mirror – See the center of the back window or the center of the lane behind you.
3. I am on your side and our goal is for you to be a good, safe driver.
4. You will be nervous and make lots of mistakes. That's normal. Try to focus on your driving tasks and clear your mind of all else. Don't think so much about your fears. Think happy thoughts! What makes you smile?

Techniques

1. Hand over hand or Race Car.
2. Freeze, Release and Slide your hands while turning.
3. Look at the CENTER of the lane in front of you. Look where you want to go.
4. Stop behind the car in front of you so you are able to see the bottom of the back tires.
5. Left turning lanes, move over just before the end of the yellow line, just before the gap.
6. Mirror, signal, head check. M,S,H. If you use your mirror and signal, do a blind spot check for motorcycles.
7. Cut the wheel means...turn it fast in the direction you are already turning until it stops turning.
8. Under 35mph maintain a 3 second following distance. Over 35 mph, a 4 second following distance.
9. Use a search pattern. Look down the road, Glance at your speedometer (don't stare), Look down the road, Glance at your mirror, Look down the road. Rinse and repeat.
10. Stop, check and go. Right turns on red. Flashing red light. Left turn on red.
11. Getting on expressway. Stay to the right (Glue your right tire on the white line). Follow the little white line. Get up to speed. Mirror, signal, head check.
12. Getting off the expressway. Signal well in advance (½ mile). Mirror, signal, head check. Get off right away. Don't leave room for someone to cut you off.

Not so useless information

1. Drive straight unless I tell you to turn.
2. When driving and every time you drive, call out ALL speed limit signs and explain ALL YELLOW SIGNS.
3. They brake, we brake!
4. In car and in class cell phone or mp3 use. It's an epidemic, according to Oprah. You can live without it for 2 hours.
5. Teaching you my preferences, not from right or wrong.
6. Expecting expectations! If you don't do it right, you can get hurt or killed or kill someone.
7. Sunglasses ok, flip flops aren't.
8. Remember my imaginary UPS Bob, Motorcycle Mike and MACK truck Fred friends.
9. If I take the steering wheel, don't take it personally.
10. Important forms are a responsibility challenge. White in car evaluation sheet and yellow observation\scheduling form.
11. Drive time schedule. The Golden period. 1st 24 hours after receiving a drive time.
12. On the day of your drive, look for me and listen for my car horn.
13. Drive times are approximate. I may be up to 30 or more minutes late, but I will be there eventually. If I am picking you up at the high school, don't get on the bus unless you talk to me personally and I tell you to get on it.
14. Phone or paper form is my lesson plan, student notes and to record your progress.
15. Remember the 5 golden rules of driving. A. Always know what's going on in front B. What's going on behind. C. What the speed limit is. D. How fast you are going. E. A safe following distance of 3 seconds or more.