First Class Driver Ed Guidelines for INCLASS STUDENTS

Teen Driver Ed classroom instruction is 32 hours, 2 hours per day for 16 days. Behind the wheel Student instruction is seven hours of drive time and seven hours of observation. Students may not receive more than four hours of instruction per day (two hours of classroom, two hours in the car.) Students may miss up to five days; all days must be made up within 30 days of final class session. (Texas state requirements.)

Students will receive a daily grade. There are five main grades:
1. 70 study questions answered from Texas Handbook
2. Permit test (given after first eight hours of class are taken after class time)
3. My DWI Story (two-page essay)
4. My Driving Plan (a formal two-page essay using important lessons from classes)
5. Final quiz (given on 15th day to assure student is aware of road rules)

OBTAINING THE PERMIT: A legal guardian must accompany students to the DPS. Students must have the following with them at the DPS to obtain the permit:
1. Certified birth certificate
2. Social security card (or receipt from new SS order receipt if you do not have one)
3. “Verification of Enrollment” from middle or high school attendance office DATED WITHIN 30 DAYS (please obtain this before school is out for the summer or holiday. The VOE will carry thru the summer and DPS will also accept the last report card if it contains attendance. A new VOE will be required for the final driving test.)
4. DE-964 DPS provided from FIRST CLASS DRIVING SCHOOL
5. Parent needs TWO copies of proof of Texas residency in THEIR name dated within 90 day.

After receiving the permit from the DPS, the student may sign up and schedule drive times. Drives are scheduled via an online program - www.schedule2drive.com (a one-time $10 fee is payable to Schedule 2 Drive (S2D) for the use of this website.) “Create a new account” using your student’s permit number and our school ID number (C2518.) Scheduling may be done online at any time. Parents may also use S2D to log their drive time of 20 hours during the day and 10 hours at night (30 hours total – however, your child should drive 100 hours prior to receiving the final license to be considered an experienced driver.) Please use the S2D instructions to help guide you thru your child’s driving process. It is a valuable tool for you and your child. You may mark requests in S2D to receive notices when openings become available as well as cancelling the notices when you have finished your drive times.

Please - NO CELL PHONES IN USE IN THE CLASS OR CAR PLEASE. A STUDENT’S ABILITY TO FOLLOW RULES INDICATES THEIR MATURITY LEVEL TOWARD DRIVING AND FOLLOWING RULES IN GENERAL. Please send students with notebook paper and pens daily (NO SPIRALS please.) Students may bring snacks/drinks or purchase them in class but we ask that everyone participate in good housekeeping. Respect for others and self is a requirement. A lack of attention or disruption can result in a zero being given for the day and the student will be required to make the day up. Our goal is for every student to learn and become a knowledgeable and safe driver.

We look forward to working with you. Please contact us at any time for questions. Thank you for supporting your local small business!

Sincerely,

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Helpful Information:

The IMPACT Texas Teen Driver (ITTD) Program developed by DPS with the goal of saving lives on our Texas roadways through awareness and education requires students to view a two-hour informational video developed to help educate young or new drivers in an effort to reduce risk of being involved in automobile crashes, particularly those caused by distracted driving. Completion of the ITTD video will be required for all individuals that have received a DE964 and have taken a teen driver education course. The ITTD Certificate of Completion must be presented before taking a drive skills test at the DPS (final test.) The ITTD Certificate must be dated within 90 days of the drive skills exam. The video may be viewed at: https://impacttexastaxdrivers.dps.texas.gov. For questions, please contact the DPS Driver Education section at TPSTPROGRAM@DPS.TEXAS.GOV

A video on Youtube.com entitled “Top 10 Reasons Most People Fail the DPS Test” will greatly assist students with the DPS final drive and instruction for daily driving.

http://www.nhtsa.gov/drivereducationprogram is a great website with useful information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Association.

www.Schedule2Drive.com You must know your child’s permit number (license number) and our school number, C2518. It is a one-time fee of $10. You must log 30 hours of parent drive time. It is recommended that you complete 100 hours of drive time with your child. This website has a form and instructions for YOU!

First Class Driving School is proud to announce that we offer the final driving test. If you prefer to go to the DPS to test, schedule the student’s driving test online with the DPS at least two months prior to the date of test. http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/search.asp

Everyone is encouraged to attend our Driving Safety class for further insurance discounts at no cost to you at the completion of the course. The $40 fee is waived for our students/testers. Please note: Per the State of Texas, students under 25 must take this class for any moving violation they receive, and it is a good idea to keep points off your record to keep insurance costs down.

Students who receive a traffic citation within the first year are often required to retake the driving test. This is a great incentive to NOT receive a citation and further develop proper safe driving skills.

Please know the rules for the GDL (Graduated Driving Laws) at the time your child receives the graduated DL. These rules may change. There are curfews and limits on number of passengers allowed in the car. There are “apps” that will disable the cell phones while the car is in motion. I highly recommend these for everyone.

Remember - Never Drive Faster Than Your Guardian Angel Can Fly!