



DRIVER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

(Prince William County Example)

Requirements for Learner's Permit

Completed at Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Office:

- Must be at least 15 years and 6 months of age.
- Complete a DL1M learner's permit and driver license application form.
- Furnish proof of social security, residency, and original document certifying name and date of birth.
- Pass a multiple-choice sign and knowledge test.
- Pass a vision test.
- Licensed driver over 21 seated next to teen driver

Student must hold a learner's permit for at least 9 months and be at least 16 years and 3 months in age.

Classroom Driver Education Instruction

Classroom driver education is part of the 10th grade curriculum. All 10th grade students will receive at least 36 hours of in class instruction. This instruction must include units on organ donation, alcohol and drugs, motorcycle awareness, aggressive driving, and distracted driving.

Behind-the-Wheel Driver Education Instruction

- The state of Virginia requires 14 hours (class periods) of Behind-the-Wheel instruction.
- Range instruction consists of a minimum of 7 hours (class periods).
- Road instruction consists of a minimum of 7 hours (class periods).
- The road skills test will be given by the instructor after the student has successfully completed the behind-the-wheel instruction.
- Students will receive behind-the-wheel instruction during their physical education classes. It is the responsibility of the student to make up assignments and tests missed while attending behind-the-wheel instruction.

Beginning Behind-the-Wheel Instruction

The student must:

- Have a valid learner's permit.
- Have driven a minimum of **2 hours** with parent supervision **before** taking behind-the-wheel instruction. Ten hours of on-road driving is recommended before taking the range-and-road class.
- Turn in a signed parent permission form.
- Pay \$175 by check or money order, made out to PWC Schools

Requirements to receive a 90-day Provisional License

- Student must hold a learner's permit for at least 9 months and be at least 16 years and 3 months in age.
- Student must successfully complete a state approved driver education program, which includes classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction.
- Student must have parent/guardian permission (PWCS Form, PPF-03 & a completed homework assignment).
- Parent must certify that their child has driven a motor vehicle for 40 hours, at least 10 hours of which were after sunset (40-hour Parent/Student Driver Log).
- Licensing Ceremony – (within 90 days)
 - Family will receive notice to appear in court
 - Judge presents permanent driver's license to parents
- First Year Driver Passenger restrictions
 - First year of driving under 18 carry only one passenger under 18
 - After 1 year or until 18 teen carries no more than 3 passengers under 18
 - Passenger restriction do not apply to family members
 - Violations will have serious consequences

Parenting Tips for In-car Guided Practice Sessions

- When you drive, set a good example by modeling proper driving etiquette.
- Always wear your safety belt.
- Stop at all stop signs and lights. Do not roll through. Rolling through a red light is not considered a **full stop. Right Turn on Red is legal only after a complete stop.**
- Ask question about intersections. Does you son/daughter understand:
 - a. At a signal-controlled intersection, identify who has the green light; and
 - b. Search all corners of the intersection for vehicles, pedestrians, traffic controls, any unusual happenings.
 - c. Select the best lane position for the next maneuver and to avoid pedestrians and other vehicles.
 - d. Position the car in the proper lane position on turns.
 - e. 4 Way (multiple direction) stops: discuss who gives the right-of way.
- New mirrors adjustment: Blindzone and Glare Elimination (BGE) technique.
- Turn signal must be used to communicate intentions.
- Hand-over-hand steering or push-pull. Hand position 8-4.
- Unwind the steering wheel to return to straight position.
- Be aware of your car type: Does your car have Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)? Know the difference when using ABS and non-ABS brakes and how to use them?
- Have your son/daughter practice:
 - a. Parking: angle, perpendicular and parallel.
 - b. Backing up
- Please use the 40-Hour Parent/teen Driving Guide to help you and your son/daughter.