

TEEN DRIVER EDUCATION

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR MY TEEN TO EARN THEIR DRIVER LICENSE?

Texas law requires teenagers to complete a Teen Driver Education course before they can earn a Driver License. They must complete all 32 hours of classroom theory, 7 hours of driving with an instructor, and 7 hours of observation, as well as have their Learner Permit for 6 months of collision/citation-free driving. There are other restrictions and conditions involved, but this depends on your teen's age when they begin the course.

Every teenager must obtain a Learner Permit, also known as a Learner License, from the Texas Department of Public Safety before they can begin practicing their driving skills. When a Learner Permit is obtained and your teen begins driving, they *must* have a Licensed adult, 21 years of age or older, in the front seat with them at all times, as per State law.

MY TEEN STARTED THE COURSE - WHEN CAN THEY GET THEIR LEARNER PERMIT?

Texas law requires teenagers to complete the first 6 hours of classroom theory, *and* pass both the Rules & Signs exams administered in class at Benavides Driving School. If both exams are passed and the student has completed, at minimum, the first 6 hours of class, Benavides Driving School will release a DE-964 Certificate to the teen and/or parent. The teen **MUST** continue coming to class, even after obtaining the Learner Permit. The teen and a parent/legal guardian must take the following documents to the DPS to obtain the Learner Permit:

- Birth Certificate (Original or Certified Copy)
- Social Security Card (Original or Certified Copy)
- Verification of Enrollment from High School
- Check or Money Order for \$16 (teen)/\$33(18+) Payable to DPS
- Parent/Legal Guardian must have Texas ID, DL or Legal Residency
- 2 Utility Bills/Affidavit
- DE-964 Certificate from BDS
- School ID, Transcript or Texas ID
- DPS Application & Supplement

MY TEEN IS 14 YEARS OLD

By law, teens who are 14 years old can enroll and complete the 32 hours of classroom theory but must wait until they are 15 to obtain their Learner Permit. Once your teen is 15 and has their Learner Permit, they can begin practicing their driving skills with BDS and at home. They also must wait until they are 16 years old to be eligible to take their Driving Test.

MY TEEN IS 15 YEARS OLD

At 15, teens can enroll & complete the 32 hours of classroom theory, 7 hours of driving & 7 hours of observation. They must have their Learner Permit for at least 6 months and be 16 years old to take their Driving Test.

MY TEEN IS 16 YEARS OLD

At 16, teens enroll & complete the 32 hours of classroom theory, 7 hours of driving & 7 hours of observation. They must have their Learner Permit for at least 6 months to take their Driving Test.

MY TEEN IS 17 YEARS OLD

At 17, teens can enroll & complete the 32 hours of classroom theory, 7 hours of driving & 7 hours of observation. They must have their Learner Permit for at least 6 months to take their Driving Test, or until they turn 18.

MY TEEN IS 18+ YEARS OLD

At 18+, teens can enroll and complete the 32 hours of classroom theory, 7 hours of driving and 7 hours of observation. They can take the Driving Test upon completion of the Teen Course - no need to wait 6 months.

WHAT SHOULD MY TEEN DO TO PREPARE FOR THE DRIVING TEST?

PRACTICE PRACTICE PRACTICE! By law, teens must complete a 30 hour driving log at home (20 hours day/10 hours night). This must be done before taking the driving test.

WHAT DO I BRING TO SCHEDULE THE DRIVING TEST WITH BENAVIDES DRIVING SCHOOL?

Take the Driving Test with us, using our cars and our insurance! You must bring:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Valid, unexpired Learner Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Impact Texas Teen Driver Program Certificate of Completion (2 hr video) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valid, unexpired VOE from High School | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$65 | <input type="checkbox"/> DE-964 Green Certificate of Completion from Benavides Driving School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30 hour log (done at home during 6 months w/ Permit) | |