

GO AHEAD START DRIVING

Driving Instruction - LOG

Connecticut state law requires that students under the age of 18 who received their permit after August 1, 2008 need to complete 40 hours of driving time with an adult. This sheet is designed to help parents and students track what is covered in this driving time. Below are some suggestions from the state and from our instructors on material that will provide teens with a safe driving foundation.

**Controls, Gauges & Maintenance**

At least 2 Hours

Student should know how to operate the pedals, switches, buttons, and other vehicle controls.

**Driving in Limited Traffic**

At least 6 Hours

Student should be able to drive on lightly-traveled, two lane residential streets or country roads not over 35MPH.

**Parking**

At least 2 Hours

Student should be able to park in a lot with cars parked and moving around.

**Driving on Limited-Access Highways**

At least 6 Hours

Student should be able to drive during non-rush hour time.

**Learning the Basics**

At least 2 Hours

Student should be able to start, stop, drive forward, reverse, and turn vehicle.

**Handling the Vehicle in Traffic**

At least 8 Hours

Student should be able to move onto routes with a mixture of neighborhood streets and commercial areas, including 4 lane roads and designated turn lanes. Speed limit should not exceed 40MPH.

**Driving at Night**

At least 5 Hours

Student should be able to drive safely at night.

**Additional Practice**

At least 5 Hours

Student should be able to drive you on errands and trips, following directions and route themselves.

By the time you have reached the end of the instructional period, you should be feeling comfortable with your student's ability to drive a vehicle, but know that young driver's have a history of getting involved in crashes because of adolescent-related attitudes, high-risk behavior, and lack of experience. Pick a time when you and your student driver can talk about these issues.

Point out that competitiveness, aggression, inexperience, a sense of power and invincibility, and the temptations of independence are all influences that cause young drivers to drive dangerously.



Not comfortable teaching a certain skill set? Let us know, and we will be happy to have our instructors cover the topic! We offer private driving lessons in blocks of two hours. We encourage an open communication line between the parent/student and our school. Please feel free to tell our instructors the areas that students need the most help with!

