

# ROAD TEST TIPS

\*Read this Sheet Carefully!

## **ARE YOU READY?**

Drivers who are fully informed and prepared are more likely to pass their drivers license road test. When you pass your road test, you have shown you can meet certain minimum standards for safe driving. Before taking the road test it is the parent/guardian responsibility to supervise the student in a minimum of 50 hours of addition practice driving, with 15 hours of those being night time practice.

## **GET ENOUGH PRACTICE**

In your everyday driving, you will deal with situations and problems you may not have encountered while practicing for or taking your road test. You can learn how to handle these situations by using the same driving habits and responsible attitudes you demonstrated during the road test.

## **ROAD TESTING:**

The DMV is not conducting the road test for any student that has completed a Driver's Ed. class after January 2015. You will need to contact a Third Party Testing Agent to set up an appointment for your Road Test. For information on Jefferson Parish School System TPT Agents you can call (504) 365-5368.

## **WHAT TO BRING TO THE ROAD TEST WITH THE THIRD PARTY TESTER?**

1. Your **Certificate of Successful Completion form** or your **Driving Permit**.
2. You must bring a certified copy of your **birth certificate** and your **Social Security card**.
3. You must provide the vehicle you will drive during the test. This vehicle must be properly registered, inspected, insured and in good working condition. The test vehicle's front seat belts must be present and in working order. The **car's registration** and **proof of insurance card** must be given to the DMV before the driving test can be administered.
4. A **parent/guardian** must accompany all 15 – 17 year olds during the TPT.

**WHEN TEST IS COMPLETE THE TPT WILL GIVE YOU THE ROAD TEST RESULTS IN A SEALED ENVELOP, TAKE IT TO THE DMV OFFICE.**

Each time you go to the DMV, under the age of 18, you must show **proof of current enrollment or completion of high school**. You get this form from your high school.

## **WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The TPT may cancel road test due to poor weather.

## **AT THE ROAD TEST SITE**

Your accompanying parent/guardian should drive your vehicle to the road test. Move to the driver's seat when the license examiner indicates to do so. Make sure your driver's seat and mirrors are adjusted properly, and do not forget to buckle your seat belt and lock your doors. Before the test begins, the license examiner will explain how the test is conducted and gives you a chance to ask questions.

## **DURING THE ROAD TEST**

The passenger car road test usually takes about 15 to 20 minutes. It will test your ability to make basic maneuvers needed in everyday driving. You will have to make left and right turns, stop at intersections controlled by stop signs and traffic lights and pull out of and drive into a parking space.

Follow the examiner's instructions. The examiner will be looking for you to demonstrate basic driving skills and your knowledge of traffic laws. They will not trick you into making mistakes or committing traffic violations. Relax and listen to what the examiner tell you.

# **ABC'S to SAFE DRIVING**

## **TIPS TO HELP YOU PASS YOUR ROAD TEST:**

**ACCELERATION:** Accelerate smoothly and moderately. Do not race the engine or cause it to stall.

**ANTICIPATE & REACT TO OTHERS:** Anticipate possible driving errors by others and be ready to react safely to make up for their mistakes.

**BRAKING:** Bring the vehicle to a stop gently. Start braking well before your stopping position to avoid “jerky” stops. Make sure you stop your vehicle in the proper position of the lane.

**COMMUNICATION:** Let other drivers and pedestrians know which way you want to go. Use your directional signals or horn consistently and at the proper times.

**FOLLOWING DISTANCE:** Keep an adequate space “cushion” between your vehicle and those you are following. Use the “three second rule” described in your driver’s manual. Be sure to increase your following distance in poor weather conditions.

**LANE SELECTION AND POSITION:** Keep your vehicle in the proper traffic lane, especially when preparing to make turns.

**OBSERVATION:** Look for and identify potential problems or hazards in the traffic around you, not just straight ahead, but behind you and on either side. Check your mirrors frequently, but be sure to look over your shoulder behind you when changing lanes or backing up.

**SPEED:** Obey the posted speed limit but also adjust your speed properly due to weather, road, visibility and traffic conditions.

**STEERING:** Steer smoothly whether you are driving straight ahead, turning or backing up.

**STOPPING POSITION:** If a stop is required, stop your vehicle before it reaches an intersecting street. If stop lines or crosswalk are present, stop before crossing them. If your view is blocked after stopping behind the crosswalk, move up until you can clearly see your way, then stop again if necessary.

### **TEST RESULTS**

Most drivers pass their road test on their first or second try. The amount of practice driving can make a positive difference on the road test. Automatic disqualification can result from making a dangerous driving action or a serious violation of traffic laws, or becoming involved in an accident.

**GOOD LUCK!**