TEEN DRIVING LAWS

FAQ’S

**Q. WHEN CAN I GET MY LEARNERS PERMIT?**

A. You obtain your learners permit through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

after meeting the following criteria:

1. You are at least **15 years 6 months** of age
2. You complete the application process at the DMV
3. Pass the sign test with a **100%**
4. Pass the written exam with at least an **80%**
5. Pass the vision test
6. Pay the required fees

Q. WHAT RESTRICTIONS DO I HAVE WHEN DRIVING WITH A LEARNERS

PERMIT?

A. You may operate a vehicle with a licensed driver in the car who is at least 21

years of age UNLESS the licensed driver is your parent/legal guardian,

brother/sister, half-brother, half-sister, step sister or step brother of

which the age of the licensed driver needs to be at least 18 years of age

Q. HOW LONG MUST I HAVE MY LEARNERS PERMIT BEFORE I CAN GET

MY DRIVERS LICENSE?

A. a minimum of 9 months

Q. HOW DO I GET MY DRIVERS LICENSE?

A. To obtain your drivers license, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Be at least 16 years 3 months of age
2. Held a learners permit for at least 9 months
3. Complete and pass a state-certified drivers education course (the classroom portion is offered in Loudoun County Public Schools during HPE 10)
4. Complete a 45-hour driving log with at least 15 of the 45 hours driven at night
5. Complete and pass the Behind-the Wheel portion of Driver Education

Q. ONCE I HAVE MY DRIVERS LICENSE, ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS

THAT I WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW?

A. Yes, you will have the following restrictions:

1. Until you have your license for 1 year, you may only have one non-family member in your car under the age of 18; once you have had your license for 1 year, you may have up to three non-family members under the age of 18 in your car at one time; *PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO FAMILY MEMBERS*
2. You have a curfew restriction between the hours of 12 am and 4 am with the following exceptions:
   1. it is an emergency
   2. you are driving with a parent/legal guardian
   3. you are driving to and from work
   4. you are driving to or from a school-sponsored event
3. Cell phones or other wireless communication devices are prohibited.

Q. WHAT IS BEHIND THE WHEEL?

A. This is the practical portion in which you will demonstrate your driving skills and

knowledge of the driving laws during the completion of a 14 hour (7 hours of

driving and 7 hours of observation) driving course with a certified Behind-the-

Wheel instructor. On the last day of the class, after taking and passing the road

skills test, your Behind-the-Wheel instructor will issue you a temporary driver’s

license (TDL- 180).

Q. HOW DO I SIGN-UP FOR BEHIND-THE-WHEEL?

A. At Park View High School you must follow these steps:

1. Students must have passed or be enrolled in the classroom portion of Drivers Education and have at least completed 5 modules and have an A or B average. Students will go to the guidance office to Mrs. McCombs to pick-up the Behind-the-Wheel packet and return the necessary forms along with a check for $150 (made out to PVHS) and to receive the DEC-1 card. Payments can also be made electronically at http://webinter.loudoun.k.12.va.us/Payment Portal for a service charge of $4.47.
2. Students MUST attend the Parent-Teen Smart Driving Night (November 10 – Auditorium – 7pm) with their parent/legal guardian.
3. Once all forms have been returned to Mrs. McCombs, your name will be placed on the sign-up list by date of license eligibility and when you registered.
4. When it is your time to take Behind-the-Wheel, you will be contacted by the BTW instructor to set up dates and driving times.

Q. WHEN WILL I GET MY PERMANENT LICENSE?

A. After you receive your TDL-180, you will be contacted by the court system to

appear with a parent/legal guardian at a licensing ceremony. This will occur

within a 180 day period.

