

## Parent Permission Form

EDS Driving School's Teen Drivers Education Program is approved by the Secretary of State, which requires a minimum of thirty (30) hours of classroom instruction, six (6) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction, and six (6) hours of in car observation. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

The objective of this course is to teach students subject matter relating to the rules of the road, safe driving practices, pedestrian safety, driver responsibility, theory of driving, defensive driving, driving techniques, behavioral characteristics of drivers, auto insurance and financial responsibility, development of perception of driving, emergency situation procedures, and use of automobile safety devices. The class consists of lectures, films, handouts, discussions, and reading "Drive Right" textbook. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

The full course takes a minimum of four (4) weeks. Classroom instruction will be given in fifteen (15) two-hour sessions, during a minimum period of four (4) weeks, with no more than one session a day. Students can only schedule for behind-the-wheel lessons after he or she has attended a minimum of four (4) hours of classroom instruction, full payment has been received and has obtained an instruction permit from the Secretary of State. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

Observation time will be scheduled with each behind-the-wheel time. Generally, two (2) students together for three hours in-car instruction. One and a half hours is spent driving and one and a half hours observing by each student. All four drives cannot be completed under a (14) day period per the State of Illinois. Lessons missed **must** be made up. Classroom sessions **must** also be made up including any tests and class work. Students who prefer in-car lessons privately must obtain written permission from their parents, however the students must still complete the observation hours as required. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

Students may take classroom only, behind-the-wheel only, or the complete program. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

A minimum test score of **70%** is required for successful completion of the classroom portion of the class. Students must also pass the behind-the-wheel **70%** is required or better. Students must pass five written tests with 70% or better. Written tests can be made up before the class starts. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

**Cancellation:** Canceling a driving appointment without 24 Hour notice will result in a **\$45.00** cancellation fee. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

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**Vandalism:** Vandalism in any form will not be tolerated. If any student is found defacing EDS Driving School property (i.e. writing in books, on tables, chairs, walls, etc.), parents will be charged a **\$25.00** fee. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

**Payment:** There is a **\$100.00** deposit due when you sign up to hold a seat in class. This deposit is nonrefundable/non-transferable. But can be used for a different class date/time if you need to make a change. The balance is **due** the **first day of class**. If the balance is not paid on the first day of class, you will be charged a **\$25.00** late fee above your balance due. If the balance is not paid off within 1 month, there will be an additional **\$25.00** fee added to your balance and EDS Diving School will contact the State of Illinois and indicate that the students' permit is no longer valid. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

**Bounced Checks:** EDS will charge a **\$35.00** fee for any returned check in the event a check paid to EDS does not have sufficient funds. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

**Behind the Wheel Training:** While we understand that your son or daughter may like one particular instructor, he or she may have a variety of different instructors for their Behind the Wheel training. We cannot guarantee any one particular instructor for any student. Also, we schedule two students for either a two hour or three hour Behind the Wheel training period (for example, we set up two students between 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) therefore, it is common that one student is picked up on time and the other student is picked up within 15 minutes (or shortly after) their scheduled start time. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

**Behind the Wheel Scheduling:** It is in our best interest and the students best interest to complete the driving portion within 9 months from the first day of class. Therefore, we ask that the students do the first 10 hours of driving before they schedule their first behind the wheel appointment, so it gives us a better understanding of where the student is at and what the student needs to work on. With that being said, we do ask after 10 hours completed and class is finished (except for our Sunday classes) start scheduling your drives. Please do not hold on to all four drives until the end. Try and schedule a drive a month and make sure all four are completed a month or two before they are to get their license, we cannot guarantee that we can get them done in time. Please contact our main office to schedule these drives (224)357-4227. (Parents Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

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**Absences:** No days can be missed but three (3) days can be rescheduled and made up. Typically, but not always, if you are a weekend student, you can make up a class by attending a weekday session. If a student has a more challenging attendance circumstance, then an individualized plan with the classroom instructor will be established to make up classroom assignments during missed days. A student must be dropped from the course if more than four (4) classes are missed. If a student is dropped, he or she can re-enroll, but would need to start at the beginning of the class again. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

**Permit:** The permit allows students to practice with someone 21 and older who has had a license for at least 1 year. Students will receive a permit application form on the second or third day of class. This will allow the student to go to the Secretary of State office to get their permit. A parent signs the permit application and takes the student in for the permit. Students will need a Birth Certificate, social security card and proof of address. The Secretary of State will then give a written and vision test and charge a **\$20** fee. Teen permits are issued for a 2-year period. (Parent's initials \_\_\_\_\_)

**License:** Teens are required to hold their permit for at least nine (9) months and build-up 50 hours of supervised practice before getting a license. The same identification needed for the permit should be brought in for the license, along with the certification letter from Springfield. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

**Course Completion:** All students attending the full teenage accredited program must complete the entire course within nine (9) months from the date of the first classroom session. If the course is not completed during that time frame, then the student will be dropped from the course and the student's permit will be cancelled. We recommend that you do not hold on to all drives two months prior to the end of the (9) months, (the State of Illinois does not allow all 4 drives to be completed under 14 days) You are taking the risk that the drives may not be able to be completed in the (9) month period. After nine (9) months a re-instatement fee of **\$100.00** will be charged for the student to resume this course. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

In order for a student to become eligible to receive a Certificate of Completion for the driver's education course, the student must complete 30 hours of classroom training and 12 hours of behind the wheel training. The 12 hours of behind the wheel consists of 6 hours of driving time and 6 hours of observation time. Once these requirements are complete, then EDS Driving School will send out a notice to the Secretary of State's office so you can obtain a Certificate of Completion and then the student can go to a DMV facility to take a road test in an effort to obtain a license. The student must pass the road test at the DMV to obtain a license. (Parent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

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**Student Qualifications:** Prior to driver training school or driver training school instructor requesting a certificate of completion for a student, the driver training school or driver training instructor must verify that the student is enrolled in school and has received a passing grade in at least 8 courses during the 2 semesters. Verification of the student's eligibility to obtain a certificate of completion from Secretary of State shall be by one of the following methods:

- A) Obtain written documentation on a form prepared or approved by the Secretary of State stating the student has received a passing grade in at least 8 courses during the previous 2 semesters;
- B) Obtain written waiver from superintendent or school administrator on a form prepared or approved by the Secretary of State;
- C) Obtain written verification on a form prepared or approved by the Secretary of State stating the student is enrolled in a home school;
- D) Obtain copies of the student's report card and/or transcript for the previous 2 semesters indicating a passing grade in at least 8 courses during the previous 2 semesters;

Verification of eligibility for any person who has dropped out of school and has not yet attained the age of 18 years shall be by one of the following methods:

- A) Obtain written documentation verifying dropout's enrollment in **GED** or an alternative education program or obtain a copy of the dropout's **GED** certificate;
- B) Obtain written verification that the student prior to dropping out, had received a passing grade in at least 8 courses during the 2 previous semesters last ending prior to requesting a certificate of completion; or
- C) Obtain written consent on a form prepared or approved by the Secretary of State from the dropout's parents or guardian and the regional superintendent.

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Signature of Parent

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Name of Student (**Please Print**)

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Date