

## Drive Time Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** What do I need to bring to my drive time?

**A:** Bring your instructional permit. Students CAN NOT drive without their permit on them. Photocopies and reproductions are not acceptable. If you arrive at a drive time without your permit, you will observe and be charged a "no show" fee of \$35. Also, if your permit requires glasses or contacts to correct your vision, you CAN NOT drive without your glasses or contacts. Not having your corrective lenses will result in a "no show" fee being assessed whether the student observes or not. Lastly, students need to wear shoes that cover their foot. Open toe shoes and sandals are ok if they have a strap around the heel. Students who arrive at their drive time with improper shoes will be assessed a "no show" fee. Maverick Driving Academy needs to leave promptly when the drive time begins and can not wait for these items to be corrected. We also cannot meet you on the road. Please arrive at your drive time prepared to drive.

**Q:** When can I schedule a drive time?

**A:** As soon as the student receives their permit and registers their permit number with MDA, they may register with schedule2drive and begin scheduling their driving lessons.

**A part 2:** Driving lessons are only scheduled online through [Schedule 2 Drive](#). *Student's have six months to complete driving lessons (both driving & observation). Students are **expected** to log on and check for drive time availability on a regular basis.*

**Q:** How often can I drive?

**A:** Drive times are scheduled on a first-come, first served basis a week at a time. The ability level of every student is different and students may need additional time to practice the skills covered in the in-car lessons. We advise 3-4 hours of practice with parents for every driving lesson with MDA. This way, students are almost finished with their 20-hour driving log when they complete their 7th lesson (a driving test with MDA).

*Parents, Find driving tips under parent info tab.*

**Q:** How do I schedule a drive time?

**A:** Use your username/permit number and birthdate to sign into Schedule 2 Drive and sign up for an available time. *Please be 5-10 minutes early for your drive time as our drivers need to leave when the time begins.*

**Q:** How many lessons do I need and how long are they?

**A:** The TEA (Texas Education Agency) requires students complete 7 driving lessons which are two hours each. During each driving lesson, the student will drive for 1 hour and observe another student driver for 1 hour.

**Q:** When are the drive times?

**A:** Drive times are available at various times throughout the week and on weekends and holidays. *Drive times are scheduled on a first-come first-served basis, and are subject to the availability of a driving instructor and a car.* The instructors post their available drive times as soon as they know their schedule.

**Q:** All the drive times are full, what do I do?

**A:** New drive times are released on Saturdays in the noon hour for the following week. Please check schedule2drive daily for new openings added when an instructor has new and unexpected availability and when other students cancel. Maverick Driving Academy typically offers 48+ hours of drive time per week during the school year and 80+ hours per week in the summer. Check back often because other students cancel drive times they cannot make.

**Q:** If the weather is bad, do we still drive?

**A:** We will drive in all types of weather conditions. We will not drive when the National Weather Service has issued any warning for any type of severe weather in Johnson County. Please call our office (817-556-4644) for driving updates.

**Q:** I need to cancel/change a drive time. What should I do?

**A:** When you schedule a driving lesson, you are reserving a car and an instructor. Another student is also counting on you for their observation hour. If you need to cancel or a lesson, log onto Schedule 2 drive and cancel your drive time. Make sure that you cancel your drive time at least 24 hours in advance to avoid the fee.

*Students who fail to cancel their drive times will be assessed a missed lesson fee of \$35.00. Please make sure you can make your appointment before scheduling drive times.*

# Policies

## First day of Class Bring:

- Full Payment for class. In order to receive confirmation you are in a class, you must submit a completed application along with full payment. Your spot will only be guaranteed after full payment is made. If payment is not made in full by the first day of class, the student will not be allowed to attend class or schedule drive times.
- Black pen and paper daily.
- Your permit documents are **NOT** due on the first day of class. (Birth certificate, notarized application, social security card, and VOE.)

## Driving Permit:

Obtaining your learner's permit, also known as the instruction permit, will allow you to drive with a 21 year old licensed driver in the front seat with you. Once you complete the first 6 hours of classroom training (the first 3 days), Maverick Driving Academy will administer the permit test. Student's will take their results to the DPS office to apply for and receive their driving permit.

To be eligible to apply for and obtain an instructional driving permit, the student must:

1. be 15 years of age.
2. be present for the first three days of class (non-negotiable per state requirements).
3. pass the permit test and an eye exam(at the DPS). Specific information regarding the permit test will be given on the first day of class.
4. Go to the DPS office and present:
  - \*an original, certified birth certificate (**hospital certificates are NOT accepted**)
  - \*an original social security card
  - \*"Green Form" from MDA.
  - \*a VOE (Verification of Enrollment) from the student's school. (Due to open records/privacy act legislation, VOEs make take 10 or more days to be processed at the school.
  - \*\$16.00 Cash (exact change required).
  - \*Notarized DPS permit application.

Students will be fingerprinted and have their photo taken while at the DPS office.

## Course Completion:

Students have 180 days (6 months) to complete all the requirements of the driver's education course (both drive times and make up classes). After 180 days, your contract is expired. You may reinstate your contract for \$50.00 if renewed before the contract expiration date for a period of 3 months (90 days.) You may only reinstate your contract two times. If you wait until after your contract is expired the reinstatement fee is \$150.00

### **Additional Fees:**

- \$35.00 for a missed in-car lesson where 24 hours notice was not given. 24 hours notice is required for Tuesday –Saturday drive times. Sunday, Monday, and holiday drive times must be cancelled the previous business day. Drive lessons will start promptly at the scheduled time. Students not present when the drive time starts will miss their drive time and be charged this fee.
- \$25.00 for returned checks.
- \$10.00 for duplicate/replacement Driver's Education completion certificates (DE964)
- \$25.00 late pick-up fee. We will wait with the students for 5 minutes after the last class of the day or after a drive time. If the student's ride is more than 5 minutes late, this fee will be assessed.
- Replacement/Repair charge for any intentional damage to the property of Maverick Driving Academy.

### **Cancellation Policy:**

Refunds will be prorated if student withdraws from class (less \$50 administrative fee for cancellation of DE-964). A partial, prorated refund (less above mentioned administrative fee) will be given according to the amount of instruction received if the student cancels on or after the first day of instruction.

### **Student Conduct:**

A student may be dismissed from the classroom and in-car instruction for:

- Tardiness: students will not be allowed into class after 10 minutes. Missed time due to tardiness will be made up during break time.
- Being generally inattentive during class. (i.e. sleeping, reading, using cell phones/ipods/mp3 players)
- Rude, vulgar, or disruptive behavior in the classroom or car.

\*\*Students who are dismissed from the classroom and/or in-car instruction on two or more days for violating the rules of conduct will be withdrawn from Maverick Driving Academy.

### **Rules of Operation:**

- The Maverick Driving Academy **does not** guarantee the student a driver's license.
- The school reserves the right to reschedule a lesson (*including classroom instruction*) or to make available to the student an alternate instructor or car in the event of inclement weather, unavailability of an instructor, or any other factor beyond the control of the Maverick Driving Academy.
- The school is *prohibited* from issuing a certificate of completion if the student has not met the requirements for course completion.

### **Scheduling Drive Times:**

How do I schedule driving lessons? Click on the “schedule drive times tab”

## **Course Description**

### **Classroom (32 Hours):**

Each class session and driving lesson is 2 hours long. Classroom hours will be at the same time each day, check the class schedule for more information.

### **Tentative Course Schedule (subject to change as needed)**

- Day 1 - Texas Drivers Handbook
- Day 2 - Texas Drivers Handbook,
- Day 3 - Texas Drivers Handbook, Your license to drive, right-of-way concepts
- Day 4 – Permit Test, Traffic control devices, controlling traffic flow
- Day 5 - Traffic control devices, controlling traffic flow and distracted driving
- Day 6 - Sharing the roadway
- Day 7 - DADAP
- Day 8 - Pre- & post-drive procedures, symbols and devices, occupant protection, & vehicle operation and control
- Day 9 - Visual attention, vehicle maneuvers
- Day 10 - Driver readiness, road rage
- Day 11 - DADAP
- Day 12 - Risk reduction, low risk environment, moderate risk environment, & complex risk environment
- Day 13 - Adverse conditions, traction loss concerns
- Day 14 - Vehicle malfunctions, vehicle requirements, personal responsibility
- Day 15 - DADAP
- Day 16 - FINAL EXAM

### **Driving (7 hours driving, 7 hours Observation, total of 14 hours In-Car):**

You will have 7 lessons, 2 hours per lesson. Drive times will be scheduled according to student’s convenience and availability of an instructor and car. Schedule online (see main page)

**Canceling Drive Times:** – Please see Drive Times FAQ

**Pass/Fail Policy (In-Car):** - It is our responsibility to ensure that every student has mastered the basic skills before receiving their DE certificate. Some students require more practice time than others. It is also the parent’s responsibility to work with their student to help them improve. A student will not pass his or her lesson #7 driving test if:

- The instructor needs to grab the steering wheel.
- The instructor needs to use the instructor brake

- The student commits a moving violation. (Ex: running a stop sign, speeding, etc.)

Any student who fails their driving test can work with their parents to further develop driving skills before retesting or can schedule additional drive times with Maverick Driving Academy at a cost of \$25.00 per hour.

**Class Make-up:**

Students who miss more than 5 days of class will be dropped from the course. All missed class must be made up. Example: If a student misses day 6 of 16, they can make up day 6 in the next scheduled class on their day 6. All make up days must be have prior instructor approval.

**Contract Expiration Date:**

According to the Texas Education Agency, each student has 180 days (6 months) to complete the entire course. This includes the classroom phase, make-up lessons, and behind-the-wheel phase. The 180 day start date will be from the first day of class. If you renew your contract before the expiration date it is a \$50 variance fee. If you wait until after the expiration date to renew it is \$150 for contract reinstatement and your child will have an extension of 3 months past the expiration date.

**How do I get my Learner's Permit?:**

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**What forms of payment are accepted?**

MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express, Debit Cards, Money Orders and Personal Checks and Cash are accepted. Payment in full is expected by the first class meeting.

**Grading Policy:**

Students in Driver's Education will need to successfully complete both the class room and in-car portions of the course to receive their Driver's Education Certificate.

Students must score a 70% or above to pass the classroom portion of the course. The classroom portion of the course includes lecture, discussions, worksheets, tests and instructional videos. Students will be expected to fully participate in the class by reading their assigned portions of the book and by completing their daily work. Each lesson may cover between one and four chapters, and will be tested by a chapter assessment. Grades will be determined by the following weighted scale:

Chapter / Unit tests count 75%

Final exam counts 25%.

Students must score a 70% or above on each mini test and the final exam to pass the course.

For the in-car portion of the course, if a student does not pass the final driving test, the instructor will discuss with the parents what items need to be worked on and if the parents would like additional lessons.

Successful completion of this course may entitle your student to a 10% savings on your auto insurance.