



*The New Generation
of Drivers Ed*

The Driving Agreement

This driving Agreement has been developed to help parents communicate the responsibilities of driving a motor vehicle to their newly licensed driver. As you embark on one of the most stressful and exciting times you will ever experience as a family, discussing an agreement between you and your teenager will help set forth what is expected in becoming a safe and responsible driver.

WE, THE PARENTS AND THE NEW DRIVER, AGREE on the following ground rules:

WE AGREE on the importance of trust between us and the responsibilities we each have given the consequences associated with failure to fulfill our individual responsibilities.

This Driving Agreement between,

_____ as parents and

_____, the Newly Licensed Driver set forth what is expected for obtaining driving privileges. ***WE AGREE*** on the following truths.

- _____ Driving a vehicle can be dangerous.
- _____ New Drivers have significantly more accidents than experienced drivers.
- _____ Driving is a privilege, not a right.
- _____ Parents assume a tremendous financial responsibility when allowing a new driver to use the family vehicle.

Therefore, in recognition of the gravity and risk associated with granting the New Driver certain driving privileges, the parties make the following stipulations:

1. ***WE PARENTS*** will approach the process of teaching our New Driver the appropriate skills with love, patience and support. We will accept that this is a learning process and will do everything in our power to mentor and coach the New Driver through each level of learning. We understand that our role is to encourage, not to criticize; to demonstrate, not to remonstrate. We will accept whatever pace the New Driver achieves in developing skills as their pace and try not to rush the process. We recognize that this is a new motor skill they are learning and everyone develops at a different pace.
2. ***WE PARENTS*** agree to establish a schedule of training and to honor that schedule reliably so that the New Driver can depend on the opportunity to learn and to achieve their goals.

3. *I, as THE NEW DRIVER* agree to maintain a grade point average of _____ or better, in order to maintain my driving privileges.

4. *I, as THE NEW DRIVER* agree to the following rules governing the use of any vehicle I may drive.
 - 4.1 There will be **NO** alcohol or drugs or consumption of any alcohol or drugs permitted in the vehicle at any time. I promise to eject anyone who violates this rule, or to call my parents if I am unable to get the offender/s to vacate the vehicle.

 - 4.2 I will always wear my seat belts properly and demand that all passengers do the same before the vehicle can move. WE JOINTLY AGREE that failure on any of these counts will result in the suspension of driving privileges for _____ days / weeks.

5. **WE JOINTLY AGREE** that the New Driver may, at any time he or she deems appropriate, call the Parents for alternate transportation home to avoid either riding in or driving a car where alcohol or drugs are involved. WE AGREE that such an incident shall not affect future driving privileges, unless the action is against the Parents wishes.

6. *I, as NEW DRIVER PROMISE* that for the first six, (6) months of driving, there will never be more than _____ people in the vehicle with the New Driver. Thereafter, for the next six, (6) months there will never be more than _____ people in the vehicle with the New Driver. Failure to observe this rule without specific permission will result in a suspension of driving privileges for _____ days / weeks.

7. **WE JOINTLY AGREE** on the following rules regarding curfews:
 - 7.1 The New Driver will observe those specific limitations set forth in State Law, if applicable.

 - 7.2 The New Driver must be home with the car by _____ p.m. unless there I a specific agreement on an alternate time.

 - 7.3 As the New Driver demonstrates reliability, we agree to adjust these times to reflect greater freedom.

 - 7.4 Failure to observe curfew shall result in a suspension of driving privileges for _____ days / weeks.

8. **WE JOINTLY AGREE** that a citation for speeding of less than ten, (10) mph over the speed limit shall result in a suspension of driving privileges for _____ days / weeks. For a violation in excess of ten, (10) mph over, the suspension shall be _____ days / weeks.

For other traffic violations, the suspension schedule shall be:

- 8.1 Careless driving _____ days / weeks.

- 8.2 Reckless Driving _____ days / weeks.

- 8.3 Following Too Closely _____ days / weeks.

- 8.4 Failure to Yield Right-of-Way _____ days / weeks.

- 8.5 Running a Stop Light or Stop Sign _____ days / weeks.

- 8.6 Any At-Fault collision resulting in \$500 damage or more _____ days / weeks and will have to pay for repairs.

9. ***I, as NEW DRIVER AGREE*** to accept financial responsibility for the above-listed traffic violations or accidents up to \$ _____ amount or percentage of _____% total.
10. ***WE JOINTLY AGREE*** that this family wants the New Driver to enjoy all of the positive benefits of driving; convenience, entertainment, occupation, recreation and independence. Therefore, we agree to jointly establish a program of ongoing rewards for the continued faithful performance of the New Driver. This may include increased use of the families' vehicles, reduction in curfew restrictions, credits against suspension periods and other rewards as we may agree.

The Parents

The New Driver

Date: _____