

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

1) Does my teen need a Temporary Instruction Permit (TIP) from the DMV to attend class? They will need a TIP to take the DMV Test on the last day of class. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more details.

## 2) What time should we arrive at class?

Our office will open on the first day by 7:40 am. Class begins promptly @ 8:30 am. We ask that you get here closer to 8:00 am to take care of the paperwork and any outstanding tuition fees. The remaining three classes also start at 8:30 am--the office opens by 8:00 am on these days. Download written directions to our Class/Office <u>HERE</u>. Or go to <u>Google Maps</u>.

# 3) Do I have to attend the "Family Training Seminar"? YES.

The DMV has *mandated* this as part of the licensing process. At least one parent, ideally the one who is the most nervous should attend. This Seminar is not about teaching you to drive. It is designed to help you with the time (at least 50 hours) you spend practicing/training your teen. We will also go over <u>Louisiana's GDL</u> and what Parents need to know about it. If you have extenuating circumstances, please let us know, we will attempt to accommodate.

## 4) What if my teen has any Unique Learning Needs or Challenges?

We can handle almost any physical or cognitive learning (IEP/504) needs if you let us know PRIOR to class. These include but are not limited to <u>CP</u>, <u>ADHD</u>, <u>ASD</u>, <u>NLD</u>, Color Blindness, or Vision Loss. We have two Driver Rehabilitation Specialists on staff which means they have been specifically trained to work with students that may have physical or cognitive challenge, including those that may need adaptive equipment to learn to drive. **PARENTS:** General Considerations Before Driving

#### 5) Can one of my children or their grandparent drop them off for class? Yes and No.

It is best that parent or guardian bring the student in on the FIRST DAY. There are several documents that we need to parent/guardian to be aware of and oversee. We will also need a signed copy of our Agreement/ Contract with the parent. If this is not possible, please call our office so we can make other arrangements.

#### 6) What about food or lunch?

Students are welcome to bring their own lunch (we have a refrigerator and microwave). Or they may order pizza @ \$1 a slice, (large pizza cut into 8 slices). Students also may purchase snacks or drinks from the vending machine (be sure to bring small bills).

#### 7) What if my son or daughter must miss class or a portion of class?

Any student missing any portion of a class must make up that time in the next corresponding class + an additional hour. Any student who must miss a complete class must make it up the entire class on the next corresponding classroom session. Most of the time, they will still be able to drive.

#### 8) Can I start practicing driving with my teen now that they have a TIP from the DMV? NO.

You may not practice on a *PUBLIC ROAD with a TIP.* YOU MAY start familiarizing them with the controls of the vehicle and you MAY drive on private property to allow them to get a "feel" for the driving process.

The single most important thing you can do to prepare your teen for driving is to have them put their cell phone away and sit in the front passenger seat and pay attention! Ideally, you are engaging them by and asking them questions about roadway signs and who goes first at intersections. Start to teach them where/what you are looking for and then the decision-making that follows...

**CLICK HERE** for a copy of "Running Commentary" to help you get started.