

Texas Parent-Taught Driver Education Handbook Study Guide

- 1 About how many feet will the average driver going 50 mph travel from the moment he sees danger until he hits the brakes? ([Lesson 5.4](#))

Answer: 100 feet

- 2 At what time of day should your headlights be turned on? ([Lesson 5.5](#))

Answer: Half an hour after sunset until half an hour before sunrise.

- 3 Describe the "Yield" sign. ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: A red and white equilateral triangle. This sign tells you that the road you are on joins with another road ahead. You should slow down or stop if necessary so that you can yield the right-of-way to vehicles on the other road.

- 4 Describe the emblem which identifies vehicles which travel at speeds of 25mph or less. ([Lesson 20.5](#))

Answer: A fluorescent orange triangle with reflective borders.

- 5 Describe the equipment required on passenger cars by state law. ([Lesson 2.8](#))

Answer:

1. Brakes (Foot Brake, Parking Brake)
2. Lights (Two Headlights, Tail Lights, Brake Lights, Turn Signals, License Plate Light, Reflectors, Parking Lights)
3. Horn
4. Muffler
5. Safety Glass
6. License Plates
7. Windshield Wiper
8. Rearview Mirror
9. Slow-Moving Vehicle Emblem (if designed to travel at 25 mph or less)
10. Front Seat Belts
11. Tires
12. Fuel Cap

- 6 Describe the sign that tells you to watch for cross traffic ahead. ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: It's a black cross in a yellow diamond. Cross traffic ahead. Slow down, look carefully in all directions.

7 Describe the sign which warns you to slow down for a winding road. ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: Yellow, diamond, and a squiggly line pointing ahead.

8 Describe the type of sign which would let you know that you were on a short state highway in a city or urban area. ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: Loop ###, rectangle with black writing.

9 Describe the types of equipment which Texas state law specifically forbids on passenger cars driven within the state. ([Lesson 2.8](#))

Answer: You must not have... a.) A red light showing from the front. b.) A bell, siren, or exhaust whistle. c.) A muffler cutout. d.) Anything that extends more than three inches beyond the left side or six inches beyond the right side of the body, running board, or fenders of your car. e.) Flashing red lights on the front.

10 Describe what you should do if you have a blowout while driving. ([Lesson 24.2](#))

Answer: Move the car off the pavement, turn on emergency warning lights, and tie a white cloth where visible or raise your hood.

11 Does a posted speed limit of 55mph mean that you may drive 55mph on that highway under all conditions? ([Lesson 5.3](#))

Answer: No. Speed must be adjusted to conditions in order to avoid accidents.

12 How close to a fireplug may a vehicle lawfully park? ([Lesson 7.8](#))

Answer: No less than 15 feet.

13 How much is the maximum fine for a first conviction of driving without a license? ([Lesson 2.5](#))

Answer: \$200

14 How should you react to a flashing red light? ([Lesson 7.2](#))

Answer: Stop completely while entering the crosswalk/intersection, and then proceed carefully.

15 How should you react when a traffic officer tells you to do something which is ordinarily considered to be against the law? ([Lesson 5.8](#))

Answer: You must obey the traffic officer at all times.

- 16 If a child runs into the road 45-50 feet ahead of your car, what is the highest speed from which you can stop with good brakes without hitting him? ([Lesson 5.4](#))

Answer: 15 mph

- 17 If a person is under 18, when does his provisional license expire? ([Lesson 2.6](#))

Answer: On his next birth date after date of issuance.

- 18 If you are driving and hear a siren coming? ([Lesson 6.5](#))

Answer: Yield the right-of-way by moving to the right edge of the roadway and stopping.

- 19 If you are required to show proof of financial responsibility for the future, how many years must such proof be kept up? ([Lesson 28.3](#))

Answer: Two years.

- 20 In addition to mufflers what new equipment is required on all cars manufactured in 1968 and after? ([Lesson 2.8](#))

Answer: An exhaust emission system.

- 21 In what direction should you turn your wheels when parking uphill without a curb? ([Lesson 7.8](#))

Answer: Turn wheels to the right

- 22 In which gear should you drive when going down a steep hill? ([Lesson 5.12](#))

Answer: Use a low gear to help slow your vehicle down.

- 23 On a one-way street, what color is the broken lane marker? ([Lesson 7.4](#))

Answer: The broken lane marker is white.

- 24 Once the brakes have been applied about how many feet does a car 70mph travel before it comes to a stop? ([Lesson 5.4](#))

Answer: It takes 387 feet for the car to stop.

- 25 To what agency in within what time period must a change of address be reported for driver licensing purposes? ([Lesson 2.10](#))

Answer: It must be reported to the Driver License Office within 30 days.

- 26 Under what circumstances should you never attempt to pass a car ahead of you? (Lesson 7.6)

Answer: When pavement markings prohibit driving on other lane -When within 100 ft of/or crossing an intersection or railroad crossing -On a hill, curve, or other place with limited vision -100 ft of a bridge, viaduct, or tunnel.

- 27 Under what conditions are overtaking and passing to the right not permitted? (Lesson 7.6)

Answer: If you need to drive off the paved portion of the highway.

- 28 Under what conditions may your driver's license be suspended? (Lesson 2.9)

Answer: DWI by use of alcohol or drugs, drug offense, intoxication manslaughter, intoxication assault, failure to stop and render aid, causing the death or serious injury of anyone while operating a motor vehicle, any offense punishable as a felony under the motor vehicle laws of Texas, overtaking and passing a school bus, boating while intoxicated, evading arrest, driving while license invalid, altered/unlawful use of driver license, etc.

- 29 Under what conditions must you always stop? (Lesson 7)

Answer: At stop signs, red lights, crosswalks, and for school buses and emergency vehicles.

- 30 Under what conditions should headlights be used? (Lesson 5.5)

Answer: When it's half an hour after sunset until half an hour before sunrise, and whenever you can't see clearly.

- 31 What action should you take if you fail to receive the renewal notice card reminding license is about to expire? (Lesson 2.10)

Answer: It is still up to you to renew your license. Send in an application for renewal.

- 32 What are the different classes of licenses and age requirements for each? (Lesson 2.4)

Answer:
Class A - 18 or 17 with approved driver education or approval of minor hardship application;
Class B - 18 or 17 with approved driver education or approval of minor hardship;
Class C - 18 or 16 with approved driver education or 15 with approval of minor hardship;
Class M - for motorcycles, 18 or 16 with approved driver education.

- 33 What are the penalties for minors (persons under the age of 21) convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol. ([Lesson 3.6](#), [15.9](#))

Answer:

- 1) Fine up to \$500, 20-40 hrs., community service, license suspended for 120 days, and/or confinement of up to 180 days.
- 2) Fine up to \$500, 40-60 hrs., community service, and maybe AA course.
- 3) \$500-\$2000, 40-60 hrs., community service, and/or confinement up to 180 days.

- 34 What are the penalties for minors (persons under the age of 21) convicted of non-driving alcohol-related offenses? ([Lesson 3.6](#))

Answer:

- 1) 60 days suspension.
- 2) 120 days suspension.
- 3) 180 days suspension. May be placed in jail until bond is made or appearance before a magistrate or juvenile court judge.

- 35 What are the three most common motorist caused car-bicycle crashes? ([Lesson 4.4](#))

Answer:

- 1) Motorists turning left in front of oncoming bicycle traffic.
- 2) Motorists turning right across path of bicycle traffic.
- 3) Motorists pulling away from a stop sign or failing to yield to bicycle cross traffic.

- 36 What circumstances may lead to possible loss of your license? ([Lesson 2.9](#))

Answer: Suspension/revocation action from another state, parental authorization withdrawn, voluntary surrender for medical/insurance purposes, and false statement on application.

- 37 What does "Yield right-of-way" mean? ([Lesson 6.2](#))

Answer: To allow another vehicle or roadway user to proceed first, when they have the privilege of having immediate use of a part of a roadway.

- 38 What does a "Do Not Pass" sign mean? ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: Do not pass other vehicles.

- 39 What does a "narrow bridge" sign look like, and how should the driver react when he sees one? ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: It is a yellow diamond and shows that the bridge ahead is not as wide as the road. Slow down and use caution.

40 What does a green arrow showing with a red light mean? ([Lesson 7.2](#))

Answer: Proceed carefully in the direction of the arrow, yielding the right-of-way to other vehicles and pedestrians.

41 What does a posted speed limit of 55mph mean? ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: It means that the maximum speed is 55 mph on the roadway in ideal conditions.

42 What effects does the use of marijuana and amphetamine have on driving? ([Lesson 15.6](#))

Answer: Marijuana impairs the sensory and perceptual skills, and also affects concentration and judgment. Amphetamines make the driver less coordinated, more edgy, and have been known to cause lapses in concentration.

43 What is carbon monoxide, and how may it be harmful to drivers? ([Lesson 5.14](#))

Answer: It's a colorless, deadly gas in the exhaust fumes produced by cars and can cause poisoning.

44 What is meant by "Defensive Driving?"? ([Lesson 3.3](#))

Answer: Protecting yourself and others from dangerous and unexpected driving situations by using a space management system. Stay alert to everything happening around you, look for trouble spots developing around, have a plan of action if other driver does the wrong thing, and know the law requires drivers to protect each other from their own mistakes.

45 What is the first thing that should be done when a car starts to skid? ([Lesson 5.12](#))

Answer: Take your foot off the gas pedal and turn the steering wheel in the direction of the skid.

46 What is the maximum number of inches that you may lawfully allow an object to extend the left fender of your car? ([Lesson 2.8](#))

Answer: 3 inches.

47 What is the maximum speed limit for passenger cars on Texas Highway numbered by the state, or for United States outside an urban district? ([Lesson 5.3](#))

Answer: Daytime - 70 mph Nighttime - 65 mph

48 What is the minimum age at which you can get a class C drivers license without driver education or being a hardship case? ([Lesson 2.4](#))

Answer: 18

49 What is the penalty for being convicted of driving while intoxicated? ([Lesson 3.6, 15.9](#))

Answer: Mandatory suspension of license; the first offense has a maximum fine of \$2000, suspension of 90-365 days, and confinement of 72 hrs to 180 days.

50 What is the purpose of an exhaust emission system? ([Lesson 2.8](#))

Answer: To reduce air pollution.

51 What is the shape of a "keep right" sign, and how should the driver react when he sees one? ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: There are two types.
1) A yellow diamond that has two arrows pointing up and down, he should keep to the right lane.
2) Vertical, white rectangle; Drivers who are driving slower than other vehicles on the roadway should keep right.

52 What is the state speed limit for automobiles in urban district? ([Lesson 5.3](#))

Answer: 30 mph

53 What kind of sign warns you that the highest safe speed for the turn ahead is 25mph? ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: An advisory speed sign; it has an arrow turning with a small sign with the speed limit under it.

54 What precautions should a driver take at uncontrolled intersections? ([Lesson 6.7](#))

Answer: Yield to any vehicle which has entered the intersection from the right or is approaching from the right. Make sure there are not any vehicles going left or right.

55 What qualifications must one have to teach a beginner to drive? ([Lesson 1.3](#))

Answer: Must be a licensed driver, and at least 21 years old. The student must have a learner's license.

56 What regulations should a bicycle rider observe? ([Lesson 4.4](#))

Answer: Same regulations as drivers, but ride as far right in the lane as possible.

57 What should you do if you damage an unattended vehicle? ([Lesson 24.2](#))

Answer: Stop, locate owner/operator, and give name and address. Or, leave a written notice.

58 What should you do if you discover you are in the wrong lane to make a turn as you enter an intersection? ([Lesson 7.7](#))

Answer: If you can't get into the proper lane at least within one-half block before you turn, then don't turn and continue straight.

59 What should you do when coming onto a street from a private alley or driveway? ([Lesson 6.3](#))

Answer: You should stop prior to the sidewalk and yield the right-of-way to all approaching pedestrians.

60 What should you do when driving down a steep grade in a car with a standard transmission? ([Lesson 5.12](#))

Answer: Use a low gear to slow your vehicle down.

61 What sign indicates that the road that you are on merges with another? ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: One lane merging onto the arrow that's pointing ahead.

62 What sign warns you that you must slow down? ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: Many of the yellow diamond warning signs. Especially slow down on wet road.

63 What type of lighting should cars use when parked on the highway at night? ([Lesson 7.8](#))

Answer: Parking lights or lower beam headlights.

64 What type of sign warns you that you should slow down for a sharp rise in the road way? ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: Bump warning sign

65 What type of sign warns you to watch right and left for cross traffic? ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: Crossroad ahead. Slow down, look carefully in all directions.

66 When a driver is waiting to make a left turn, what is the procedure he should take when the light turns green? ([Lesson 7.2](#))

Answer: Get on the left lane, begin signaling and slowing down at least 100 ft from corner. Stay to the right of the interstate when on the centerline, and yield to approaching vehicles.

67 When are accident reports required? ([Lesson 24.4](#))

Answer: When a law enforcement officer hasn't investigated the crash.

68 What type of restrictions may be placed on your license? ([Lesson 2.7](#))

Answer:

- A With corrective lenses
- B LOFS age 21 or over
- C Daytime only
- D Not to exceed 45 MPH
- E No expressway driving
- I M/C not to exceed 250 cc
- J Licensed M/C Operator age 21 or over in sight
- K Moped
- L Vehicle w/o air brakes – applies to vehicles requiring CDL
- M CDL Intrastate Commerce only
- P Stated on license
- Q LOFS 21 or over vehicle above Class B
- R LOFS 21 or over vehicle above Class C
- S Outside mirror or hearing aid
- T Automatic transmission
- U Applicable prosthetic devices
- V Applicable vehicle devices
- W Power steering

69 When are bicyclists allowed to ride two abreast in a traffic lane? ([Lesson 4.4](#))

Answer: When lane is of substandard length.

70 When are you required to show proof of financial responsibility? ([Lesson 24.4](#))

Answer: Upon request, when you're involved in a crash.

71 When following another car, what is a good rule to determine the distance at which you should follow behind? ([Lesson 5.4](#), [11.3](#), [14.9](#), [19.4](#))

Answer: Keep at least two seconds away.

72 When is a bicyclist not required to ride on the right of the roadway? ([Lesson 4.4](#))

Answer: Passing/overtaking, left turn at intersection, unsafe conditions in roadway, lane's width is inappropriate.

- 73 When is it necessary to stop before proceeding when you overtake a school bus loading or unloading children? ([Lesson 6.6](#))

Answer: You should never overtake a school bus, especially when it is loading or unloading children. You should stop until the bus either resumes its drive or the driver tells you to pass.

- 74 When needed, how may one show proof of financial responsibility? ([Lesson 28.1](#))

Answer: With a liability insurance policy, or a standard proof of liability insurance form given by the Texas Department of Insurance and issued by a liability insurer

- 75 When parked parallel, your curbside wheels must be no more than how many inches from the curb? ([Lesson 7.8](#))

Answer: 6 inches

- 76 When two cars meet at the intersection of a 2-lane road with 4-lane road, which one must yield the right-of-way? ([Lesson 6.3](#))

Answer: The car on the two-lane road should yield.

- 77 Which lights should you use when you are driving in a fog? ([Lesson 10.3](#))

Answer: Lower (dim) headlights.

- 78 Which sign tells you to keep in the right-hand lane when driving slow? ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: "Slower Traffic Keep Right" sign.

- 79 Which sign tells you to slow down because you are approaching a double curve? ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: The road curves one way (right) and then the other way (left). Slow down, keep right, and do not pass.

- 80 Which sign tells you to watch out for a train? ([Lesson 7.3](#))

Answer: A railroad crossing sign; it's circular and yellow with a black X and two R's. Railroads also have railroad cross bucks posted by the crossing, with a gate and flashing lights.

- 81 Why are seat belts important? ([Lesson 9.1](#))

Answer: They keep you from getting thrown out of your car, hitting the dashboard too hard, and in control of your car.

- 82 Within how many feet of a crosswalk may you park, when parking near a corner?
([Lesson 7.8](#))

Answer: No less than 20 feet.

- 83 You should dim your lights when you are within how many feet of an approaching car?
([Lesson 5.5](#))

Answer: 500 ft.

- 84 You should never drive on the left half of the roadway when you are within how many feet from an intersection, bridge, or railroad crossing? ([Lesson 7.6](#))

Answer: 100 ft. (five car lengths)