

CLASSROOM FAQ's

1. How much classroom instruction is there?
Answer. Students are required to have 32 hours of classroom instruction.
2. What if I miss a day, what do I do?
Answer. A maximum of 10 hours absence is allowed. Any time missed must be made up, preferably during the next session. If a student misses more than 10 hours (this includes a tardy), the student is dropped from that class and must make up in the next session. No money paid is lost, just make up the classes.
3. Can I start class any time?
Answer. No, students must start within the first three days of class.
4. When does class start?
Answer. We typically start classes the first Monday of the month.
5. What supplies do I need for classroom?
Answer. A pen and spiral notebook. We take notes and usually a daily quiz.
6. Do we have class on Friday?
Answer. No, we are allergic to Friday classes!
7. I usually attend the 4-6 class; can I come to the 6-8 class some?
Answer. Yes. It is the same lesson, so come on!
8. If I need to leave class early (say 20 minutes, or so) for another obligation, is that acceptable?
Answer. Yes, but credit is denied for the last hour of class, and must be made up in the next session. Students must be in attendance for 55 minutes of a 60 minute lesson.
9. I'm only 14 years old, may I start classroom?
Answer. Yes. Students may start at 14, but if so, we strongly recommend starting as close to the 15th birthday as possible.
10. Can adults take the full course?
Answer. Yes. We have adults of all ages take the full course. If one has very little knowledge of driving and practically no driving experience, the full course is recommended.

DRIVING FAQ's

1. When can I get my learner's permit?
Answer. Students are eligible to take the written test at the DPS office after being in class for six hours.
2. What must I do to receive the DE 964 certificate (green sheet) necessary to take the written test at the DPS office?
Answer. Turn in enrollment form, information sheet, and pay account in full. The account may be paid in installments, but no DE 964 issued until paid in full.
3. How often can I drive with instructors?
Answer. No more than once a week. We like for students to drive with an instructor and then take what has been taught and apply it when driving with someone else.
4. Should I drive with different instructors?
Answer. Yes. We recommend driving with at least three different instructors. They all teach the same principles, but just in different manners, and viewpoints on different situations.
5. Are the instructors "real teachers"?
Answer. Yes. We are the only driving school in Abilene who has all instructors that are certified teachers with the State of Texas. All of our instructors are currently, or previously (or married to) coaches.
6. How can I sign up to drive?
Answer. Go to www.schedule2drive.com to sign up.
7. What if I miss my driving time?
Answer. If a student misses a driving time there is a \$25 no-show charge for the miss, unless we are notified more than 24 hours in advance. This means business days, not weekends. For example, a student has a driving time of 10: am Saturday. We must be notified by 10:00 am Friday for the fee to be waived. A driving time of 3:00 pm Sunday would require a notification of 3:00 pm Friday for no fee. Weekends the office is closed and there is no opportunity for us to find another driver.
8. How many driving times must I have?
Answer. Students must drive seven times with instructors. Each student gets seven hours driving and seven hours observation, one hour of each every driving time.
9. Outside of driver education, who may I drive with?
Answer. Any licensed driver age 21 or older, better known as a "LOFS".
10. Does the LOFS have any responsibilities, or can he/she just sit there?
Answer. Yes, the LOFS has major responsibility. That person must not read anything, sleep, or be alcohol impaired. This is a violation of state law on the behalf of the LOFS and the student driver. The LOFS must help the student.
11. What time of day may I drive with LOFS?
Answer. Anytime. There are no restrictions on the time one may drive.

12. Where may I drive? If my family goes out of state may I drive?
Answer. Check with the state you plan to visit, because it may be against the law there. Driving ages vary from state to state.
13. How long must I drive on my learner's permit?
Answer. Students must drive for a minimum of six months, or until turning 16 years of age, whichever is later.
14. What if I turn 18 right after completing driver's ed.?
Answer. You may get your license then, the waiting period is waived at age 18.
15. Do I have to take a driving test at the DPS office?
Answer. Yes. All students who apply for a license after September 1, 2009 must take a driving test at the DPS office.
16. Do I have any restrictions on my license after the driving test?
Answer. Yes. New drivers may not drive between the hours of 12 midnight and 5:00 am, unless coming back from a school function or going home from work (this must be verified to the police if stopped). No use of wireless device is allowed until age 18.
17. Is there ever a time that I may drive during those hours?
Answer. Yes, if you have a LOFS age 21 or older with you, this waives the restrictions.

ADULT DRIVER ED FAQ's

1. Who must take the course?
Answer. Anyone age 18- under 25, by law must have a six hour adult driver ed course in order to obtain a learner's permit.
2. I am over the age of 24; may I take the adult course?
Answer. Yes, any adult, regardless of age, may take the course and obtain the learner's permit.
3. Will I get the learner's permit after taking the course?
Answer. Yes. Upon completion of the course, which includes a passing grade of 70 or higher on the written test at the end of class, a certificate will be issued to take to the DPS office.
4. Will I have to take the written test at the DPS office?
Answer. No. We administer the written test in class. The vision test must be completed at the DPS office.
5. When may I take my driving test?
Answer. Whenever you are ready! You may take it that day if you so desire.
6. What if I am not ready to get the license? I need some driving lessons.
Answer. We offer private lessons for anyone. Simply talk to Coach Miller or Betsy to find a driving time.
7. Is the class all one day?
Answer. Yes. It is from 8:30-2:30, the first Saturday of each month (exception; July 17). Coffee and donuts are provided, and we order in pizza for our 20 minute lunch break. That's how we get out after six hours.
8. What should I bring to class?
Answer. A pen and notepad for taking notes, copy of birth certificate or passport.