

Important Information for Students Signed up for Driver Education

Utah State Law allows a student to obtain a learner permit at age 15. A learner permit entitles a student who is younger than 18 years of age to drive with his/her parent or legal guardian. The parent or guardian must be an adult-licensed driver who has signed for and accepts financial responsibility for the student. All students under the age of 18 must have their learner permits for at least 6 months before they are eligible to receive their driver license.

Under Utah State Law, the students must have their learner permits to drive with the driver education instructors to meet the driving requirements.

At Murray High School our Driver Education course is a semester in length. We begin driving on the range and on the road almost immediately. **Therefore, all students must bring their learner permit to the first day of class or they will not be allowed to be in Driver Education.** Those that do not bring their permits on the first day of class will be checked out of Drivers Education class and have to take it the following semester or in the summer.

If your child does not want to get his/her driver license at this time, please make sure to have them see his/her counsellor to get another class BEFORE school begins to make the process easier on all. It is very difficult to find classes and it messes up their schedule for their high school years. Students may take Driver Ed any of their years at MHS.

It is the responsibility of parents and students to follow the steps to get a learner permit:

- Make sure you have an **original birth certificate, Social Security Card, and 2 forms of Residency**. The Driver License Division (**DLD**) will NOT accept copies, hospital certificates, etc. If you do not have these documents, you will want to get a jump on getting these right away as sometimes they may take a while to get.
- Make sure you have at least **20/40 vision**. If not, get to the eye doctor and get corrective lenses. You will not be permitted to get a permit unless your vision is at least 20/40.
- Obtain a Utah State Driver Handbook from the Driver License Division, or the main office at MHS or they are on-line at the Driver's License Division website <https://dld.utah.gov/>
- **Make an appointment at the DLD** to take the test for your learner permit. For information on appointments, what you need to bring, fees (\$19.00 for every 3 times to take a test), office hours, etc., go to: <https://dld.utah.gov/>
- **Make sure to study the handbook thoroughly before going to take the test!** Most students do **not** pass on the first time they take the test so don't wait until just before class starts to take the test. The test must be passed with at least 80% accuracy. Many students think it is all common sense. Many students also fail the test when they go to take it too! Be prepared! It takes the average student about 3 times to pass the test so don't think you are just going to go and whiz through it the very first time!

If you have not been able to pass the test after several tries or are just not ready to take the class yet, please see your counselor about making a class change prior to the beginning of class. Driver Education is NOT a required course. Once again, remember to bring your learner permit to the first day of class.

If there are more students than there is room in a class, the teachers will go by permit issue dates (those students who have had their permits the longest).

Traffic Safety and Trends Exam – Driver License Testing Amendments (Effective January 1, 2016)

With the passage of HB 147 during the 2015 legislative session all applicants applying for a first time original or provisional class D license will be required to pass an additional knowledge test prior to receiving their permanent license. The exam will be available online Friday, January 1 at <https://dld.utah.gov/> and consist of questions covering driving safety topics and the top 5 major causes of traffic related deaths as identified by the Utah Highway Safety Office.

Utah Driver License Division Traffic Safety and Trends Exam FACT SHEET

Utah legislation passed a new law during the 2015 legislative session with an effective date of January 1, 2016.

Q- Who is required to complete this exam?

A- All applicants applying for an original or provisional class D driver license who have never been licensed before in any U.S. state or country will be required to pass this additional knowledge exam prior to receiving their permanent license.

Q- How do I take this exam?

A- This exam is only available online and consists of questions covering driving safety topics and 5 major causes of traffic related deaths as identified by the Utah Highway Safety Office.

Q- What if I don't have a home computer, smart phone, or access to the internet?

A- You will need to visit your city library to complete the exam online.

Q- What information do I need to provide to complete this exam?

A- You will need to create an account and then enter your last name, permit number or driver license number and date of birth.

Q- What if I have difficulties reading or understanding the exam?

A- You can be assisted and given help by anyone. We encourage you to use your resources to complete this exam.

Q- What score do I have to get to pass this exam?

A- It is required that you pass this exam with 100%. You can take this exam as many times as needed.

Q- Can I start and stop this exam?

A- Yes, there are 4 sections in this exam. Each section has 10 questions. You can stop after any completed section and come back to the next section at any time. However, you cannot stop in the middle of a section and come back to that same spot. You must first complete a section before resuming.

Q- I thought I already took a test to get my permit?

A- That is correct, however, this exam is in addition to the knowledge test you already completed.

Q- How does the Driver License Division know I completed this exam?

A- Once you have completed this exam with 100% you will be given a congratulations message and a link to a page with the certification number. At that time the Driver License Division is notified electronically and your driving record will be automatically updated. You may print your certification number for your records.

Q- Do I have to take this exam before I can get my permanent license?

A- Yes, you must complete this exam online before you will be issued your permanent license. It is recommended that you complete this online exam before appearing for your driving test at the Driver License Division.

Q- What if I took my driving test at the high school or a commercial driving school and passed?

A- Now that you are ready to obtain your permanent driver license, be sure to complete this online exam before appearing at the same driver license office where you got your permit.

Q- What if I didn't know about this required online exam?

A- Once the law was passed in 2015 the information was added to our website and to all learner permits issued after July 1, 2015

Q- What is the address to take the exam and who do I contact if I run into problems taking the exam?

A- <https://secure.utah.gov/dlexams> is the address for the exam and you may call Utah Interactive Tech Support at 801.983.0275 or email at support@utah.gov with any problems you may have.

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Any questions email the teacher or go to: <http://dld.utah.gov/licensingid-cards/learner-permit/>

The cost to take Drivers Ed. at Murray High School is a \$135.00 fee