

DRIVING LESSON SYLLABUS



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STREET™**

Welcome

Welcome to driving lessons at The Next Street! We created this driving lesson syllabus to explain what to expect at each lesson and what to practice afterwards. This is only a guideline – new drivers master driving skills and gain confidence at different rates.

Lessons are sold individually or as part of a package. Not all students will have 8 hours of lessons as part of their driving education program. You can buy as few or as many lessons as you need. We recommend 8 hours of lessons with a professional instructor for the average new driver, based on our expertise and understanding of how driving skills are mastered.

Please note: Students ages 16-17 can only take 2 hours of driving lessons per day.



BEFORE LESSON ONE:

Prior to a student's first lesson with The Next Street, we recommend that the student have at least a basic understanding of a car and its controls. It's best if the student has driven in a parking lot or on secondary roads so that the student has some level of comfort and can absorb the training. If you do not have access to a vehicle, please let your instructor know at the first lesson so they can adjust the lesson plan accordingly. If you grew up driving tractors or ATVs then the first lesson may be a bit faster paced.

PLEASE NOTE:

Every new driver develops skills at different rates. Our instructors will do their best to cover as many skills as possible, however our main priority is making sure you have mastered the basics and you are safe and comfortable before we move on to advanced skills. Practicing at home in-between lessons for a sufficient amount of time is very important. If you do not have access to a vehicle to practice in, you may opt to purchase more lessons with us.

OUR FLEET

Modern automobiles have undergone many changes in the past decade – mechanically, technologically, and aesthetically. Here at The Next Street, we pride ourselves on having a modern fleet that provides you with the comfort and safety we’ve all come to expect.

We ask that you familiarize yourself with the vehicles in our fleet, paying special attention to:

1) Ignition

(location, type – key/push start)

2) Parking Brake

(location and type – foot pedal, hand lever)

3) Side view mirror adjustment controls

4) Dashboard layout and controls

5) Body type

(sedan/hatchback)

The following list includes the Year/Make/Model in our current fleet:

- 2021 Hyundai Accent
- 2021 Hyundai Elantra
- 2021 Nissan Sentra
- 2022 Kia Forte
- 2020 Toyota Corolla
- 2022 Nissan Sentra
- 2021 Toyota Prius
- 2022 Toyota Prius
- 2023 Toyota Corolla Hybrid
- 2024 Toyota Corolla Hybrid
- 2024 Toyota Prius

We diversify our fleet among different car makes and models to better serve you, however, we do not allow for specific vehicle requests.

SAFETY

All our vehicles are equipped with a second brake on the passenger side. Our professionally licensed driving instructors are trained to use this brake to ensure your safety. Additionally, they are trained on other safety maneuvers including reaching across and taking hold of the steering wheel to adjust the vehicles bearing and neutral bumps which put the vehicle in neutral transmission.



Lesson One

At the time of your lesson, the instructor will greet the student and parent outside the car. If you see our instructor sitting in the car, please wait in the pick up area until the instructor comes to get you. Often times, our instructors are finishing up with an earlier lesson, completing paperwork or sanitizing the vehicle.

THE INSTRUCTOR MAY ASK THE STUDENT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. How much driving experience have you had?
2. What types of streets have you driven on?
3. Have you driven at night?
4. Have you driven in any weather conditions?
5. What kind of vehicle do you practice in?

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR LESSON:

- Permit
- Glasses/contacts if required
- Proper footwear (sneakers, no platforms)



***SUPER IMPORTANT NOTE:

The instructor will check for proper footwear, class b restriction (glasses/contacts) and your permit. You must bring these to every lesson. Failure to do so will result in a rescheduling fee. Sorry, this is a widespread issue that significantly impacts our ability to serve our customers and we cannot make exceptions.

FOOTWEAR RESTRICTIONS

X No open toe or heeled shoes

X No crocs

X No work boots



We recommend sneakers!

TOPICS AND SKILLS COVERED

- Explanation of student evaluation sheet
- Pre-trip inspection
- Review skills to be covered during the lesson
- Explanation of the instructor brake, safety procedures & when/why they may use them
- Dashboard introduction
- Parking maneuvers review
- Blind spot checks
- Steering
- Lane tracking
- Cornering
- Signal Use
- Back-up Posture
- 3-point turn
- Pull in parking: Left
- Pull in parking: Right

DURING THE LAST TEN MINUTES OF THE LESSON TIME:

The instructor will review the lesson with the student and parent/guardian, point out the skills that need special attention and fill out the evaluation sheet for the student to take home.

*The student should bring their evaluation sheet to the next lesson.

***IMPORTANT:** We do not normally teach parallel parking on this lesson. Even if you only buy one lesson, the focus of this lesson is to make sure that you have a good basic foundation before progressing to more advanced driving skills. Depending on your skill level an additional lesson or more may be recommended.

LESSON 1 - HOMEWORK

- Student and parent/qualified trainer should plan to practice a minimum of 10 hours before lesson
- Each behind-the-wheel session should be a minimum of 30 minutes or more.

SKILLS TO PRACTICE:

- Parking- every time you practice driving, practice parking maneuvers you learned at the last lesson.
- Braking
- Accelerating
- Cornering
- Driving on secondary or rural roads with low-speed limits
- Constant scanning
- Scanning before maneuvering

PARENTS WATCH OUT FOR:

- Speed management
- Lane tracking
- Speed limits
- Full stops
- Signal use
- Proper blind spot checks
- Correct back up posture

PARENTS POINT OUT & EXPLAIN:

- Road signs
- Speed limits
- Right of way situations
- Blind hills & curves



Lesson Two

The instructor will review the evaluation sheet with the student at the start of the lesson.

THE INSTRUCTOR MAY ASK THE STUDENT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. What skills were practiced at home and for how long?
2. What are the skills that you're struggling with?
3. Do you have your shoes, glasses/contacts (if required) and permit?

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR LESSON:

- Permit
- Glasses/contacts if required
- Proper footwear (sneakers, no platforms)

TOPICS AND SKILLS COVERED

- Pre-trip inspection (We do this at every lesson to build the habit. Should you test at the DMV, the student will need to do a pre-trip inspection on their vehicle while the DMV agent observes.)
- More parking
- Urban Roads
- Lane changes
- Parallel parking (depending on the skill/comfort level of the student and if time allows)

DURING THE LAST TEN MINUTES OF THE LESSON TIME:

The instructor will review the lesson with the student and parent/guardian, point out the skills that need special attention and fill out the evaluation sheet for the student to take home.

LESSON 2 - HOMEWORK

- Student and parent/qualified trainer should plan to practice a minimum of 10 hours before lesson 3. It is important that the student have at least 15-20 hours of practice prior to lesson 3 for highway driving.
- Each session should be a minimum of 30 minutes or more.
- Watch videos on our [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#) channels to learn how our instructors teach each driving skill.

SKILLS TO PRACTICE:

- Parking – all parking skills with the addition of back in parking.
- Intersections
- Driving on multi-lane streets
- Driving on roads with speed limits of that increase up to 50 mph
- Constant scanning
- Scanning before maneuvering

PARENTS WATCH OUT FOR:

- Speed management
- Lane tracking
- Speed limits
- Full stops
- Signal use
- Proper blind spot checks
- Correct back up posture

PARENTS POINT OUT & EXPLAIN:

- Road signs
- Speed limits
- Right of way situations
- Blind hills & curves



Lesson Three

The instructor will review the evaluation sheet with the student at the start of the lesson.

THE INSTRUCTOR MAY ASK THE STUDENT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Have you driven at least 15-20 hours since your first lesson?
2. What skills were practiced at home and for how long?
3. What are the skills that you're struggling with?
4. Do you have your shoes, glasses/contacts (if required) and permit?
5. Do you feel comfortable trying out some highway driving?

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR LESSON:

- Permit
- Glasses/contacts if required
- Proper footwear (sneakers, no platforms)

TOPICS AND SKILLS COVERED

- Pre-trip inspection
- Review lane changes and blind spot checks
- Parking
- Traffic controls
- Space management & speed management
- Highway driving: entering, yielding for the point, lane changes, lane uses and exiting the highway
- Parallel parking (depending on the skill/comfort level of the student and if time allows)

DURING THE LAST TEN MINUTES OF THE LESSON TIME:

The instructor will review the lesson with the student and parent/qualified trainer, point out the skills that need special attention and fill out the evaluation sheet for the student to take home.

NOTE: Sometimes parallel parking opportunities do not present themselves on lesson 3 – if this happens, the instructor will make a note on the student's evaluation sheet so that the skill is covered at the next lesson.

LESSON 3 - HOMEWORK

- Student and parent/qualified trainer should plan to practice a minimum of 10 hours before lesson 4.
- Make note of skills that you're struggling with.
- Each session should be a minimum of 30 minutes or more.
- Continue to watch our driving skill how to videos on either [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#)

SKILLS TO PRACTICE:

- Parking – all parking skills including parallel parking
- Intersections
- Driving on multi-lane streets
- Highway driving including merging, yielding for the point and exiting.

PARENTS WATCH OUT FOR:

- Speed management
- Space management
- Lane tracking
- Speed limits
- Full stops
- Signal use
- Proper blind spot checks
- Correct back up posture
- Skills that need more work

PARENTS POINT OUT & EXPLAIN:

- Road signs
- Speed limits
- Right of way situations
- Blind hills & curves
- Driving etiquette



Lesson Four

The instructor will review the evaluation sheet with the student at the start of the lesson.

THE INSTRUCTOR MAY ASK THE STUDENT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Have you driven at least 30 hours since your first lesson?
2. What skills were practiced at home and for how long?
3. What are the skills that you're struggling with?
4. Do you have your shoes, glasses/contacts (if required) and permit?
5. What skills are giving you trouble?

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR LESSON:

- Permit
- Glasses/contacts if required
- Proper footwear (sneakers, no platforms)

TOPICS AND SKILLS COVERED

- Pre-trip inspection
- Skills that require more practice
- General driving, lights, intersections, stop signs etc.
- Parallel parking

DURING THE LAST TEN MINUTES OF THE LESSON TIME:

The instructor will review the lesson with the student and parent/guardian, point out the skills that need special attention and fill out the evaluation sheet for the student to take home. If the instructor thinks that the student needs more time before they test, they will indicate this at the end of the lesson.

LESSON 4 - HOMEWORK

- Student and parent/qualified trainer should plan to practice a minimum of 10 hours the student's test date.
- Continue to practice the skills that you're struggling with.
- Each session should be a minimum of 30 minutes or more.
- Continue to watch our driving skill how to videos on either [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#)

SKILLS TO PRACTICE:

- Parking
- Intersections
- Driving on multi-lane streets
- Highway driving including merging, yielding for the point and exiting.

PARENTS WATCH OUT FOR:

- Speed management
- Lane tracking
- Speed limits
- Full stops
- Signal use
- Proper blind spot checks
- Correct back up posture
- Skills that need more work
- Bad habits

PARENTS POINT OUT & EXPLAIN:

- Road signs
- Speed limits
- Right of way situations
- Blind hills & curves



Lesson Five

We offer a special mock test & lesson option for students that want an extra boost of confidence before test day. This lesson is not included in our Full Driver Education Bundle but can be purchased at any time in the student portal.

THE INSTRUCTOR MAY ASK THE STUDENT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Do you have your shoes, glasses/contacts (if required) and permit?
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WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR LESSON:

- Permit
 - Glasses/contacts if required
 - Proper footwear (sneakers, no platforms)
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TOPICS AND SKILLS COVERED

- During this 2 hour lesson, our instructor will act as the DMV agent administering an official license test.
 - The instructor will direct the student on where to drive but they will not actively instruct while giving the mock test. Each mock test takes about 15-20 minutes.
 - The instructor will then review the evaluation sheet for mistakes and run through additional mock tests for the remaining time.
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**DURING THE LAST TEN MINUTES
OF THE LESSON TIME:**

The instructor will review the lesson with the student and parent/guardian and point out the skills that they should continue to work on.

Good Luck!


LESSON 5 - HOMEWORK

- Practice!
- Continue to drive whenever you can with your parent or qualified trainer.
- Continue to watch our driving skill how to videos on either [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#)

SKILLS TO PRACTICE:

- Parking - all parking skills
- Intersections
- Driving on multi-lane streets
- Highway driving including merging, yielding for the point and exiting.

PARENTS WATCH OUT FOR:

- Speed management
- Lane tracking
- Speed limits
- Full stops
- Signal use
- Proper blind spot checks
- Correct back up posture
- Skills that need more work

**PARENTS POINT OUT & EXPLAIN:**

- Road signs
- Speed limits
- Right of way situations
- Blind hills & curves