

Driver Education, Driver's Licensing, GDL Programs, and National Driver Education Standards: A Nine State Review

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Purpose of Presentation

- **Give an overview of the teenage driving problem in the USA.**
- **Provide an overview of current requirements of driver education and teaching driver education in the 9 states of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.**
- **Highlight the Driver's Licensing and Graduated Drivers License requirements in the 9 states.**
- **Discuss a possible future for national standards in driver education.**

Teenage Drivers' Crash Data

- **In 2007, 7,512 people were killed in crashes involving young drivers ages 16-20. (NHTSA, 2008)**
- **3,108 young drivers ages 16-20 were killed in 2007. (NHTSA, 2008)**
- **Based on estimated miles traveled annually, teen drivers age 16-19 have a fatality rate four times the rate of drivers age 25-69. Sixteen-year-old drivers have a crash rate three times more than 17-year-olds, 5 times greater than 18-year-olds, and two times that of 85-year-olds. (NHTSA, 2001)**
- **Sixteen-year-olds have almost ten times the crash risk of drivers age 30-59 and almost 3 times the risk of older teenagers. (Williams, A.F., 1996)**
- **Drivers are less likely to use restraints when they have been drinking. In 2004, 62 percent of the young drivers (ages 16-20) who were killed in crashes were unrestrained. (NHTSA, 2005)**
- **Ten percent (10%) of young drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2007 had a BAC above .08 percent. (NHTSA, 2005)**
- **In 2002, sixty-one percent (61%) of teenage passenger deaths occurred in crashes in which another teenager was driving. Among people of all ages, 20% of passenger deaths in 2001 occurred when a teenager was driving. (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, IIHS, 2003)**
- **Forty-one percent (41%) of teenage motor vehicle deaths in 2003 occurred between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. (IIHS, 2004)**
- **In 2001, the estimated economic cost of police-reported crashes involving drivers between 15 and 20 years old was \$42.3 billion. (NHTSA, 2002)**

Overview of GDL "Good" components (IIHS, 2009)

- A minimum age of at least 16 years for gaining a learner's permit.
- A requirement to hold the learner's permit for at least 6 months before gaining a license that allows any unsupervised driving.
- A requirement for certification of at least 30 hours of supervised driving practice during the learner stage.
- A nighttime driving restriction for intermediate license holders, beginning no later than 10 p.m.
- A passenger restriction for intermediate license holders, allowing no more than one teenaged passenger (except family members).
- An intermediate stage of licensing with a minimum entry age of at least 16 years and 6 months.
- A minimum age of 17 years for full licensure.

ILLINOIS

Driver Education in Illinois

- Any public school district maintaining grades 9 through 12 must provide the driver education course for any legal resident of the district between the ages of 15 and 21 years who requests the course; however, a district has flexibility in offering the course as a graduation requirement.
- All students under the age of 18 must have driver education to receive a license.
- The driver education course must consist of 30 clock hours of classroom and 6 hours of behind the wheel training.
- The classroom and the behind-the-wheel instruction each must be scheduled regularly throughout a period of not less than six complete weeks (four weeks allowable in summer courses and for schools using block scheduling).
- Behind-the-wheel instruction shall not begin until the student has started classroom instruction; however, a student may be enrolled in both portions of the course on a concurrent basis.
- At least one but not more than three student observers must be in the car during behind-the-wheel instruction. At least one hour of observation time is required for each hour of behind-the-wheel instruction.
- Requires student drivers to complete a minimum six hours of actual, on-the-street driving with a certified driver education instructor. Effective 1 July 2008, a change in the GDL requirements eliminated the provision that allows students in high school driver education classes to take a proficiency exam after completing just three hours of practice driving. In addition, it removed current exemptions that allow the use of driving simulators and driving ranges as a substitute for street driving with a certified driver education instructor.
- For school year 2007-08 all public schools in Illinois received a total of \$17,929,600 for 132,801 students who had classroom instruction and 117,467 students who had behind-the-wheel instruction.
- During school year 2007-2008, \$27.01 was reimbursed to schools for each student for classroom and \$122.14 for behind-the-wheel.

Driver Education Teacher Requirements in Illinois

- **All persons who teach a driver education course which is reimbursable or non-reimbursable must be qualified according to the minimum standards.**
 - **The instructor must be a certified teacher.**
 - **The instructor must hold a valid driver's license.**
 - **The instructor must possess good physical health.**
 - **The driver education teacher in a non-public school is not required to be certified but must hold a baccalaureate degree, or equivalent as determined by the employing school**
 - **The fully qualified instructor is required to have sixteen (16) semester hours of college credit in the field of safety and driver education as follows**
 - **Five (5) semester hours in driver education.**
 - **Three (3) semester hours in general safety.**
 - **Eight (8) semester hours in subjects chosen from the following related areas:**
 - **Additional safety courses**
 - **Advanced psychology and sociology;**
 - **Health Education;**
 - **Instructional materials.**
 - **Teachers assigned to either simulation or multiple-car programs must have preparation in the use of these methods which shall consist of a minimum of one semester hour or its equivalent in each area.**

Driver Licensing in Illinois

- **Permit Phase Drivers Age 15**
 - **Parent/guardian consent required to obtain an instruction permit.**
 - **Must be enrolled in an approved driver education course, and must pass vision and written exams.**
 - **A nighttime driving restriction is in place Sunday-Thursday, 10 p.m.-6 a.m., and Friday-Saturday, 11 p.m.-6 a.m. (local curfews may differ from the nighttime driving restriction).**
 - **Permit must be held for a minimum of nine months.**
 - **Must practice driving a minimum of 50 hours, including 10 hours of nighttime driving, supervised by a parent or adult age 21 or older with a valid driver's license.**
- **Permit Phase Drivers Age 15**
 - **Must not acquire any driving convictions during the nine-month permit phase.**
 - **Number of passengers limited to one in the front seat and the number of safety belts in the back seat.**
 - **All occupants under age 19 must wear safety belts.**
 - **Cell phone use while driving is prohibited except in the case of an emergency to contact a law enforcement agency, health care provider or emergency services agency.**

- Permit is valid for up to two years.
- **Sanctions - Permit Phase Drivers Age 15**
 - Limit of one court supervision for serious offenses
 - Unlicensed individuals convicted of a serious moving violation must continue to drive on a learner's permit for six months before obtaining license
 - Not eligible for a restricted driving permit or a judicial driving permit
 - Individuals age 15 and under caught driving without a permit ineligible to obtain license until age 18
- **Initial Licensing Phase - Drivers Age 16-17**
 - Parent/guardian must certify that a minimum of 50 hours of practice driving, including 10 hours of nighttime driving, has been completed.
 - Parent/guardian must accompany teen to provide written consent to obtain a driver's license, OR complete and notarize an Affidavit/Consent For Minor to Drive form.
 - Must have completed a state-approved driver education course.
 - A nighttime driving restriction is in place Sunday-Thursday, 10 p.m.-6 a.m., and Friday-Saturday, 11 p.m.-6 a.m. (local curfews may differ from the nighttime driving restriction).
 - Must maintain a conviction-free driving record for six months prior to turning age 18 before moving to the Full Licensing Phase. A traffic conviction during the initial licensing phase may extend restrictions beyond age 18.
 - All occupants under age 19 must wear safety belts.
 - For the first year of licensing, or until the driver is age 18, whichever occurs first, the number of passengers is limited to one person under age 20, unless the additional passenger(s) is a sibling, step-sibling, child, or step-child of the driver. After this period, the number of passengers is limited to one in the front seat and the number of safety belts in the back seat.
 - Cell phone use while driving is prohibited except in the case of an emergency to contact a law enforcement agency, health care provider or emergency services agency.
- **Sanctions - Initial Licensing Phase - Drivers Age 16-17**
 - Limit of one court supervision for serious offenses
 - Conviction of any moving violation before age 18 generates Secretary of State warning letter to parent and teen
 - Conviction of two moving violations in a 24-month period results in a minimum one-month suspension. Suspension length is determined by seriousness of the offenses and the driver's prior driving history.
 - Suspended drivers required to attend remedial driver education course, pay \$70 reinstatement fee, and be retested.
- **Full Licensing Phase - Drivers 18-20**
 - No age-related restrictions apply except in cases where a driver fails to move from the Initial Licensing Phase to the Full Licensing Phase. Cell phone use while driving for persons under age 19 is prohibited

except in the case of an emergency to contact a law enforcement agency, health care provider or emergency services agency.

Summary of GDL in Illinois

- To get a learners license you must have a minimum age of 15¹
- Before getting a license or restricted license you must
 - have a mandatory holding period of: 9 months
 - Have a minimum supervised driving time of: 50 hours, 10 of which must be at night
 - Have a minimum age of: 16²
- Restrictions during intermediate or restricted license stage:
 - Nighttime restrictions: starts 10 pm Sunday-Thursday, 11 pm Fri.-Sat., ends 6 am
 - Passenger restrictions: (family members excepted unless otherwise noted) first 12 months—no more than 1 passenger younger than 20
- Minimum age at which restrictions may be lifted:
 - Nighttime restrictions: 18
 - Passenger restrictions: 17

¹Enrollment in driver education is required for permit applicants age 15 in Illinois; without driver education, a permit applicant must be age 17, 3 months.

²License applicants 18 and older are not required to have driver education or to go through an intermediate license stage.

IOWA

Driver Education in Iowa

- The driver must complete an approved driver education program for 30 hours in classroom and six hours behind the wheel, after which the driver can apply for the intermediate license at age 16 with written approval of parent or guardian. After driving accident and conviction free for 12 months, s/he can apply for full license at age 17. An approved program will have properly licensed teachers.
- Students will have instruction permits and will complete 30 hours of classroom instruction which must include four hours of substance abuse education, a minimum of 20 minutes on railroad crossing and information on organ donation.
- Routine maintenance of motor vehicles to maximize energy efficiency and safety shall be included in classroom instruction.
- Operation of motor vehicles to maximize energy efficiency and safety shall be included in classroom instruction.
- Students must complete six hours of laboratory time and three hours of that must be behind the wheel driving while the remainder could be driving or could be with simulators at a ratio of four hours simulator time to replace one hour of behind-the-wheel driving time.
- When driving ranges are used in driver education courses, two hours of range experience shall be considered equal to one hour of on-street, behind-

- the-wheel driving. However, in addition to range time, a minimum of three hours of on-street, behind-the-wheel driving must be attained.
- Of the minimum of 6 hours, at least three must include highway driving. This portion shall not be completed more than 30 days after classroom instruction is completed. This instruction shall be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes per student per session and a maximum of 60 minutes per day. Two or more students shall be scheduled for behind the wheel instruction.

Driver Education Teacher Requirements in Iowa

- *Driver Education Teachers are required to have the following three courses:*
 - *Driver & Traffic Safety I, 3 credit hours*
 - *Driver & Traffic Safety II, 3 credit hours*
 - *Safety Education, 3 credit hours*

Driver Licensing in Iowa

- **INSTRUCTION PERMIT & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**
 - Available at age 14.
 - Written approval of parent/guardian.
 - Satisfactory performance in vision screening and knowledge tests.
 - Proof of Identity & Verification of Social Security Number
- **CONDITIONS of Instruction Permit**
 - Must be held for a minimum of six months.
 - All driving must be supervised by a licensed driver. May drive only with parent/guardian, immediate family member over 21, driver education teacher, driver over 25 with written permission of parent/guardian.
 - Number of passengers limited to number of safety belts available in vehicle.
 - Must complete 20 hours of supervised driving; minimum of two hours must be between sunset and sunrise.
 - Must drive accident-free and conviction-free for six consecutive months immediately preceding application for intermediate license (see box at right). The permit must not be expired or withdrawn during this six-month period.
- **CONDITIONS of Instruction Permit**
 - Must complete Iowa approved or comparable driver education course
 - 30 hours of classroom instruction which must include four hours of substance abuse education, minimum of 20 minutes on railroad crossing safety, and information on organ donation.
 - six hours laboratory, three hours of which must be behind the wheel; may use simulators for the remaining time.
 - no parental waiver of any behind-the-wheel drive time.
 - Instruction permit will have a distinct color bar and the words "under eighteen" printed on it.
- **INTERMEDIATE LICENSE & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**
 - Available at age 16.
 - Must meet all conditions of instruction permit.
 - Written approval of parent/guardian.

- **CONDITIONS of Intermediate License**
 - **Must be held for a minimum of 12 months.**
 - **May drive:**
 - **without supervision from 5 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.**
 - **between 12:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. only with a licensed driver who is a parent/guardian, immediate family member over 21, or designated adult over 25.**
 - **with a waiver, may drive between 12:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. to and from work or school-related extracurricular activities.**
 - **Must complete 10 hours of supervised driving; minimum of two hours must be between sunset and sunrise. The supervision must be by a licensed driver who is a parent/guardian, immediate family member over 21, or designated adult over 25.**
 - **Number of passengers limited to number of safety belts available in vehicle.**
 - **Must drive accident-free and conviction-free for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding application for full license (see box at right). The intermediate license must not be expired or withdrawn during this twelve-month period.**
 - **Intermediate license will have a distinct color bar and the words "under eighteen" printed on it.**
 - **Up to age 18, all conditions of the intermediate license shall remain in effect until the holder of the intermediate license has been issued a full license.**

Summary of GDL in Iowa

- **To get a learners license you must be a minimum age of 14**
- **Before getting a license or restricted license you must:**
 - **Have a mandatory holding period of 6 months**
 - **Have a minimum supervised driving time of 20 hours, 2 of which must be at night¹**
 - **Have a minimum age of 16^{2,1}**
- **Restrictions during intermediate or restricted license stage:**
 - **Nighttime restrictions: 12:30 am-5 am**
 - **Passenger restrictions: (family members excepted unless otherwise noted) none**
- **Minimum age at which restrictions may be lifted:**
 - **Nighttime restrictions: 17³**
 - **Passenger restrictions: no**

¹In addition to the certification in the learner stage, Iowa requires a certification of 10 hours of supervised driving, 2 of which must be at night during the intermediate stage.

²Driver education is required for an intermediate license and for an unrestricted license if applicant is younger than 18.

³Restrictions end after holding an intermediate license for at least 1 year and reaching age 17.

KANSAS

Driver Education in Kansas

- A minimum of 20 hours (1000 minutes) of instruction in Driver Education is required in Kansas. This must include not less than eight hours (400 minutes) of classroom instruction. All students must average not less than six hours (300 minutes) of behind the wheel instruction. If on street instruction is offered, it shall not exceed one hour of on street instruction per day. And instruction, if not on street, can be extended to a maximum of two hours per day.
- Each student must be 14 years old prior to starting the behind the wheel component. A 13 year old may participate in the classroom portion.
- Virtual learning is accepted if it fulfills the same requirements as a standard classroom program. The student can complete the classroom portion of the program on line except for the final exam. This must be completed in person with a certified instructor.

Driver Education Teacher Requirements in Kansas

- **INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS – Automobile**
 - Instructor must be a Kansas certified instructor.
 - Instructor must possess a valid Kansas driver license.
 - A Driver Education endorsement on the teaching certificate or an endorsement issued by the Kansas Department of Education is required.
 - Courses include:
 - General safety
 - Driver Education I
 - Driver Education II

Kansas Driver Licensing

- **INSTRUCTION PERMIT**
 - Must be 14 years of age. Parent or guardian consent required for all applicants under the age of 16.
 - Vision & written tests required.
 - Instruction Permit holder may drive at any time when accompanied by a licensed adult driver 18 years of age or older.
 - To get a Restricted License, you must have held an Instruction Permit for at least 6 months.
- **FARM PERMITS**
 - Must be at least 14 years of age but less than 16.
 - Parent or guardian consent required.
 - Full test (vision, written, & drive) or Driver's Ed completion slip required.
 - Must live or work on a farm of 20 acres or more. Written documentation from the parent or employer is required.
 - Prior to age 16, applicant must provide affidavit showing at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, with 10 of those hours being at night, by a licensed driver at least 21 years old. If affidavit is not provided prior to age 16, the driver will remain restricted until age 17

or until affidavit is provided, whichever occurs first. Farm Permit holder may drive to and from school (not school activities); to, from or in connection with any farm related work, or at any time when accompanied by a licensed adult driver 18 years of age or older.

- **RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSE (CLASS C OR M)**
 - Must be 15 years of age but less than 16.
 - Parent or guardian consent required.
 - Driver Education completion slip required.
 - Required to have had an Instruction Permit for at least 6 months, during which time the licensee must have completed at least 25 hours of supervised driving. Additional 25 hours required prior to age 16. All 50 hours can be completed anytime after obtaining Instruction Permit.
 - Prior to age 16, applicant must provide affidavit showing at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, with 10 of those hours being at night, by a licensed driver at least 21 years old. If affidavit is not provided prior to age 16 the driver will remain restricted until age 17 or until affidavit is provided, whichever occurs first.
 - Restricted licensee may drive to and from school (not school activities); to, from or in connection with any employment or farm related work, or at any time when accompanied by a licensed adult driver 18 years of age or older.
- **NON-RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSE (CLASS C OR M) FOR 16 & 17 YEAR OLDS**
 - Full test (vision, written, & drive) or Driver's Ed completion slip required.
 - Applicant must provide affidavit showing at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, with 10 of those hours being at night, by a licensed driver at least 21 years old.
- Any person under the age of 16 with a restricted license, who is convicted of two or more moving violations, will remain restricted until age 17.
- Any licensee issued a Farm Permit or restricted license may not transport non-sibling minor passengers. Any conviction for this is considered a moving violation.

Summary of GDL in Kansas

- To get a learners license you must have a minimum age of: 14¹
 - Before getting a license or restricted license you must:
 - Have a mandatory holding period of 6 months¹
 - Have a minimum supervised driving time of 25 hours, in learner phase; 25 hours before age 16; 10 of the 50 hours must be at night¹
 - Have a minimum age of: 16¹
 - Restrictions during intermediate or restricted license stage:
 - Nighttime restrictions: no
 - Passenger restrictions: (family members excepted unless otherwise noted) no

- **Minimum age at which restrictions may be lifted:**
 - **Nighttime restrictions: no**
 - **Passenger restrictions: no**

¹In Kansas, restricted license holders may not drive unless supervised other than to and from school or work via the most direct route and may not carry minor passengers other than siblings. To get a restricted license, applicants must have driven at least 25 of the 50 hours required for a full license and must have held an instruction permit for 6 months.

MINNESOTA

Driver Education in Minnesota

- **Students must receive a minimum of 30 hours of instruction per day with no more than three hours of instruction per day and six hours of behind the wheel training.**
- **A class D motor vehicle program:**
 - (1) must not provide more than two hours of laboratory instruction per day to a student under 18 years old in a class D motor vehicle;**
 - (2) must provide a class D driver education student who is less than 18 years old with a minimum of six hours of laboratory instruction;**
 - (3) except for the instruction offered in class A, B, or C vehicles, must not give a student more than 30 hours of laboratory instruction without the written authorization of the commissioner; and**
 - (4) may substitute range driving hours for laboratory instruction hours if:**
 - (a) the student has in possession a valid Minnesota instruction permit;**
 - (b) the student is operating the class D motor vehicle; and**
 - (c) no more than two hours of range instruction are substituted for one hour of the daily laboratory instruction permitted in subitem (1).**
 - **Total on-street time for class D motor vehicle laboratory instruction must not be less than four hours of the required six hours of laboratory instruction. However, if a program providing class D motor vehicle instruction provides both range and simulator instruction, no less than three hours of on-the-road laboratory instruction may be provided if the program also provides:**
 - **(1) at least eight hours of simulator instruction; and**
 - **(2) at least two hours of range instruction.**
 - **C. Observation time in a class D motor vehicle does not count as laboratory instruction time.**

Driver Education Teacher Requirements in Minnesota

- *A teacher of driver and traffic safety is authorized to provide to students 15 years of age or older instruction that is designed to develop the skills and understanding essential for acquiring a Minnesota driver's license.*
- **Licensure requirements. A candidate for licensure to teach driver and traffic safety shall:**
 - *hold a baccalaureate degree from a college or university that is regionally accredited by the association for the accreditation of colleges and secondary schools;*

- *demonstrate the standards for effective practice for licensing of beginning teachers; and*
- *show verification of completing a Board of Teaching preparation program leading to the licensure of teachers of driver and traffic safety.*
- **Subject matter standard.**
 - *A candidate for licensure as a teacher of driver and traffic safety must complete a preparation program under subpart 2, item C, that must include the candidate's demonstration of the knowledge and skills in items A to L. The teacher must understand:*
 - *traffic safety problems;*
 - *the complexities of the driving task;*
 - *the research base for and the best practices of teaching driver and traffic safety including strategies for teaching in a laboratory environment;*
 - *the needs of the new driver as they relate to the organization of classroom and laboratory phases of driver and traffic safety programs in light of contemporary knowledge of adolescent development, psychology, and culture;*
 - *the components that contribute to the effective design and delivery of the behind-the-wheel phase of driver and traffic safety, including a properly equipped vehicle, an established route, route selection, and entry and exit level assessments of student understandings and skills;*
 - *the strengths and limitations of various forms of laboratory instruction specific to driver and traffic safety, including behind-the-wheel, multiple vehicle driving range, and simulation, and their application in designing and delivering this instruction;*
 - *the origins of driver and traffic safety programs and major milestones in the history of driver and traffic safety;*
 - *the impact of recent trends and issues affecting driver and traffic safety programs;*
 - *the role of federal, state, and local government agencies and the private sector in providing driver and traffic safety services;*
 - *how to design driver and traffic safety programs that are in compliance with professional standards and applicable state rules and laws in a manner responsive to the emerging trends impacting driver and traffic safety;*
 - *the major tasks required of the driver and traffic safety coordinator needed for successful program management; and*
 - *how to apply the standards of effective practice in teaching students through a variety of early and ongoing clinical experiences within a range of educational programming models.*

GDL in Minnesota

- **Stage 1 Instruction Permit**
 - **Must be at least 15;**

- **Must complete 30 hours of classroom education and be enrolled in behind-the-wheel instruction;**
- **Must pass the knowledge test, have parent or legal guardian approval; and**
- **While unlicensed, must not have had a crash-related moving violation or an alcohol/controlled substance-related violation (a violation of one or more statutes, including DWI, Implied Consent, Open Bottle, or Underage Drinking and Driving/Not a Drop Law).**
- **Permit holder may drive under the supervision of a parent, guardian or other licensed driver 21 or older occupying the seat beside them.**
- **All passengers under 18 must wear their seat belts/child safety restraints.**
- **It is illegal for drivers under age 18 to use a cellular/wireless phone, whether hand-held or hands-free — except to call 911 in an emergency. A new law has made it illegal for drivers of all ages to compose, read, or send text messages or access the Internet on a wireless device while on the road.**
- **Stage 2 Provisional License**
 - **Must be at least 16 and have completed six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction;**
 - **Must have held a permit for six months, with no convictions for moving violations or alcohol/controlled substance-related violations (a violation of one or more statutes, including DWI, Implied Consent, Open Bottle, or Underage Drinking and Driving/Not a Drop Law)**
 - **For the first six-months of licensure: Only one passenger under the age of 20 is permitted, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. For the second six-months of licensure: No more than three passengers under the age of 20 are permitted, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Exemption: Passengers under age 20 who are members of the immediate family are permitted.**
 - **Must have at least 30 hours of supervised driving, including 10 hours of night driving, verified by parent/guardian; and Must pass the road test.**
 - **For the first six months of licensure: Driving is prohibited midnight – 5 a.m. Exemptions: Driving when accompanied by a licensed driver age 25 or older; driving between home and place of employment; driving to/from home and a school event for which the school has not provided transportation; driving for employment purposes. The nighttime limitation is lifted after the first six months of licensure.**
 - **All passengers under 18 must wear their seat belts/child safety restraints. It is illegal for drivers under age 18 to use a cellular/wireless phone, whether hand-held or hands-free — except to call 911 in an emergency. A new law has made it illegal for drivers of all ages to compose, read, or send text messages or access the Internet on a wireless device while on the road.**
- **Stage 3 Full License**

- **Must be at least 18 *or***
- **Must have held a provisional license for one year with no convictions for crash-related moving violations, no alcohol/controlled substance-related violations (a violation of one or more statutes, including DWI, Implied Consent, Open Bottle, or Underage Drinking and Driving/Not a Drop Law) and no more than one non-crash-related moving violation; and**
- **Parent/guardian must attest to at least 10 additional hours of supervised driving.**

Vanessa's Law in Minnesota

- **In May 2004, a law went into effect referred to as "Vanessa's Law" in memory of Vanessa Weiss, who was killed in May 2003 just days before her 16th birthday. She was a passenger in a vehicle driven by an unlicensed 15-year-old. Provisions of this law apply to drivers under age 18.**
 - **An unlicensed teen who received a crash-related moving violation or an alcohol/controlled substance related violation (a violation of one or more statutes, including DWI, Implied Consent, Open Bottle, or Underage Drinking and Driving/Not a Drop Law) cannot be given a license, including an instruction permit or provisional license, until age 18. When this person turns 18, s/he must pass the driver's license knowledge test, obtain an instruction permit and hold it for at least six months, and then pass the road test.**
 - **A provisional license holder whose driving privilege was revoked due to a crash-related moving violation or an alcohol/controlled substance-related violation cannot regain a license until age 18. At that time, the person must complete the following steps to obtain a full driver's license:**
 - **Fulfill all reinstatement requirements, including the payment of fees which can be up to \$680 depending on circumstances;**
 - **Complete the classroom portion of a formal driver education course;**
 - **Pass the driver's license knowledge test;**
 - **Obtain an instruction permit and hold it for three months;**
 - **Complete a driver's behind-the-wheel class.**

Minnesota 'Not a Drop' Law

- **In Minnesota, it is illegal for a person under age 21 to consume alcohol. If an underage person drinks and drives, they face penalties under Minnesota's "Not a Drop" law in addition to DWI laws.**
- **Under "Not a Drop," if an officer observes an underage person operating or in physical control of a motor vehicle and determines they have been drinking; they can lose their license for 30 to 180 days. The length of suspension will depend on the driver's prior record.**

Summary of GDL in Minnesota

- **To get a learners license you must have a minimum age of: 15¹**
- **Before getting a license or restricted license you must:**
 - **Have a mandatory holding period of: 6 months²**

- Have a minimum supervised driving time of: 30 hours, 10 of which must be at night
- Have a minimum age of: 16³
- Restrictions during intermediate or restricted license stage:
 - Nighttime restrictions: first 6 months—midnight-5 am
 - Passenger restrictions: (family members excepted unless otherwise noted) first 6 months—no more than 1 passenger younger than 20; second 6 months—no more than 3 passengers younger than 20
- Minimum age at which restrictions may be lifted:
 - Nighttime restrictions: 16, 6 months
 - Passenger restrictions: 17

¹Permit applicants younger than 18 must be enrolled in driver education.

²The permit holding period also applies to license applicants 18 and older unless they have completed driver education.

³License applicants younger than 18 must have completed driver education.

Provisional license holders must be crash free to qualify for a full license.

MISSOURI

Driver Education in Missouri

- Standards require that students participate in at least 30 hours of classroom instruction; at least 12 hours of observation; and at least six hours of behind the wheel training. The 12 hour observation standard can be met by riding as a passenger during on street driving instruction; viewing simulation films; or by riding as a passenger during driving range practice. (Two hours of viewing films or observing as a passenger on the driving range count as one hour toward meeting the observation requirement).
- Generally, courses will meet on class period daily (50 minutes in duration), for a semester. There are no minimum class sizes. Class size is dictated by the availability of practice driving equipment and facilities available. In a one teacher program, with only one vehicle, in which virtually all practice must be accomplished during scheduled class time, class sizes must be limited to 10 or fewer students.
- Fees may not be charged to students for courses which are offered for credit as part of a public school's curriculum. The necessary financial support for driver education as a credit course within the curriculum must come from sources other than student fees.
- There are no requirements for driver education in order to get an instruction permit or to enter the GDL program in Missouri.

Driver Education Teacher Requirements in Missouri

- DRIVER EDUCATION* - courses needed to teach
 - Introduction to Safety Education - 3
 - Driver Task Analysis - 3
 - Developing Vehicle Operation Skills and Competencies - 3
 - Developing Classroom Knowledge - 3
- Minimum Total Semester Hours - 12

**Teacher must be certificated in another elementary, middle school, or secondary teaching field*

GDL in Missouri

- **Instruction Permit Phase**
 - You must be a minimum of 15 years of age to be eligible for a permit in the State of Missouri. Applicants for the instruction permit must pass a vision screening, road sign test and a written exam. When a teen driver applies for an instruction permit, they must be accompanied by a qualified adult such as a parent or legal guardian that will need to sign a permission statement.
 - Once issued, the instruction permit is valid for a period of 0-12 months and may be renewed if the current permit is in good standing. If the permit holder is under the age of 16, they may only drive when accompanied by a qualified person, grandparent or a driving instructor that sits next to the permit holder in the front seat of the vehicle.
 - If the teen driver is 16 years old or above they may drive when they are accompanied by a licensed adult that is a minimum of 21 years of age. Teen drivers must always carry their permit when they are driving.
- **Intermediate License Phase**
 - Teen drivers from 16 to 18 years of age that hold the Missouri Instruction Permit can graduate to an Intermediate License. The permit holder must have held the permit for at least 182 days from the date of issuance. The permit must be in good standing before moving to the Intermediate License with no alcohol related convictions in the previous 12 months and no convictions for traffic violations for the previous 6 months.
 - In addition to these requirements the Intermediate license applicant must have received a minimum of 40 hours of driver training, with 10 out of the 40 hours being nighttime driving with a qualified driving instructor, grandparent or other responsible adult. Teen drivers must have their driver training hours verified by a parent, legal guardian, grandparent or other qualified adult at the contract office when applying for the Intermediate License.
 - Intermediate License applicants must pass the vision screening, road sign and written test if their previous tests are more than 1 year old. Teen drivers must also pass a driving test to receive the Intermediate License.
 - The Intermediate License is valid for 2 years from the date of issuance and the holder of the license must carry the license at all time while driving. Seat belts must be worn by all passengers while the vehicle is in motion.
- **Intermediate License Restrictions**
 - During the first 6 months that the teen driver holds the Intermediate License, they are not allowed to drive with more than one passenger

under the age of 19 unless the passengers are immediate family members. After the first 6 months has passed the Intermediate License holder may drive with up to 3 passengers under the age of 19 who are not immediate family members.

- The Intermediate license holder may not drive between the hours of 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM unless they are accompanied by a licensed driver that is a minimum of 21 years of age except under the following conditions:
 - To or From a School Sanctioned Activity
 - To or From a Place of Employment
 - In Emergency Situations
- Full Driver License – Under 21 Years of Age
 - Applicants for the Missouri Full Driver License must meet the same requirements as the Intermediate License with no alcohol related offenses or traffic convictions within the previous 12 months.
 - The current holder of an Intermediate license must be in good standing with no suspensions or revocations. Full license applicants will have to pass a vision screening and road sign recognition test. If the applicant has already passed their written and driving test for the Intermediate License, they will not have to retest in these areas.

Summary of GDL in Missouri

- To get a learners license you must have a minimum age of: 15
- Before getting a license or restricted license you must:
 - Have a mandatory holding period of: 6 months
 - Have a minimum supervised driving time of: 40 hours, 10 of which must be at night
 - Have a minimum age of: 16
- Restrictions during intermediate or restricted license stage:
 - Nighttime restrictions: 1 am-5 am
 - Passenger restrictions: (family members excepted unless otherwise noted) first 6 months—no more than 1 passenger younger than 19; thereafter, no more than 3 passengers younger than 19
- Minimum age at which restrictions may be lifted:
 - Nighttime restrictions: 17, 11 months
 - Passenger restrictions: 17, 11 months
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NEBRASKA

Driver Education in Nebraska

- Standard instruction will include a minimum of twenty (20) hours of classroom instruction and five (5) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. The students of competency certified instructors must complete at least two (2) hours behind the wheel. Students must attend all course presentations and pass all examinations.
- Behind-the-wheel Instruction. A minimum of five (5) hours behind-the-wheel instruction must be offered to each student in an approved driver safety

course. It is to consist of actual driving practice while the motor vehicle is in motion and does not include the drive test.

- **Substitutions.** Up to two (2) hours total approved driver safety course drive time may be substituted as follows:
 - Up to two (2) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction may be replaced by time on a closed-course driving range. At a proportion of two to one (2 to 1) (two (2) hours on a driving range equals one (1) hour behind the wheel).
 - Up to one (1) hour of behind-the-wheel instruction may be replaced by use of a driving simulator at a proportion of four to one (4 to 1). (One (1) hour of simulated driving equals fifteen (15) minutes of behind-the-wheel drive time.)
- **Competency Certified Instructors.** Two (2) hours is the minimum behind-the-wheel time requirement for students in competency-based courses. Substitutions are not permitted.

Driver Education Teacher Requirements in Nebraska

- The Nebraska Department of Education requires only 3 semester hours of courses to meet the driver education teacher endorsement, including
 - Driving Task Analysis
 - Teaching Driver Education in the classroom
 - Teaching Driver Education in the car

Nebraska - Farm Husbandry Permits (Special and Temporary)

- A Farm Husbandry Permit authorizes the operation of farm husbandry equipment. Farm husbandry equipment is defined as off road vehicles designed for agricultural, horticultural or livestock-raising operations or for lifting or carry an implement of husbandry. Minimum age 13 if you live on a farm or 14 if employed on a farm for compensation.

GDL in Nebraska

- **Learner's Permit - Age 15**
 - May apply 60 days before 15th birthday.
 - Requirements must pass written & vision test.
 - Restrictions - Accompanied by licensed driver 21 or older.
- **Provisional Operator's Permit - Age 16 – 17**
 - May apply 60 days before 16th birthday. Expires on 18th birthday.
 - May drive unsupervised from 6:00 a.m. to midnight.
 - May drive unsupervised from midnight to 6:00 a.m. if driving to/from work or school activity and home.
 - Requirements – One of the following
 - Complete a Department of Motor Vehicles approved driver safety course and successfully complete a written and driving test given by the driver safety course instructor, OR
 - Present to the Driver's License Examiner a 50 hour certification form signed by a parent, guardian or licensed driver who is at least 21 years old. Will be required to successfully pass a drive test administered by a Driver's License Examiner.

- **Restrictions**
 - **Between midnight to 6:00 a.m. accompanied by licensed driver 21 or older, except as stated above.**
- **Driver's License - Age 17**
 - **Individuals 17 years old who have held a POP for at least 12 months, surrender their POP to the Driver's License Examiner & who have not accumulated three or more points on their driving records during the previous 12 month period, will be eligible for an operator's license.**
 - **An individual may hold a POP and wait until they are 18 to apply for an operator's license.**
 - **Any driver's license or ID card issued to an individual under the age of 21 will expire on their 21st birthday. Individuals may make application and test 60 days prior to their 21st birthday, but cannot have the license or ID card issued until ten days prior to their 21st birthday.**

Summary of GDL in Nebraska

- **To get a learners license you must have a minimum age of: 15¹**
- **Before getting a license or restricted license you must:**
 - **Have a mandatory holding period of: 6 months**
 - **Have a minimum supervised driving time of: 50 hours, 10 of which must be at night (none with driver education)**
 - **Have a minimum age of: 16**
- **Restrictions during intermediate or restricted license stage:**
 - **Nighttime restrictions: midnight-6 am secondary enforcement**
 - **Passenger restrictions: (family members excepted unless otherwise noted) first 6 months—no more than 1 passenger younger than 19 secondary enforcement**
- **Minimum age at which restrictions may be lifted:**
 - **Nighttime restrictions: 17**
 - **Passenger restrictions: 16, 6**

¹In Nebraska, 14 year-olds who live 1.5 miles or more from school and who either live outside or attend school outside a metropolitan area may be issued a learner's permit (called an "LPE permit") and a limited license (called a "school permit"). The LPE permit authorizes supervised driving for the purpose of preparing for the school permit, which allows driving to and from school or anyplace while supervised by a parent or guardian.

NORTH DAKOTA

Driver Education in North Dakota

- **North Dakota driver education courses consist of 30 hours of classroom time and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training.**
- **The behind-the-wheel training must take place in an actual vehicle.**
- **Driving simulators can be used to replace some of this time, but it takes 4 hours of simulator time to replace 1 hour of actual driving.**

- The curriculum used for the 30 hours of classroom time must be approved by the North Dakota Highway Patrol, and generally includes instruction on how to operate a vehicle, how to drive defensively and North Dakota traffic law.
- Driver education is required prior to road testing for a Minor's Driver License, if the applicant is under 16 years of age.
- Classroom requirements include 30 hours of instruction. Behind the wheel instruction requires six hours of instruction.

Driver Education Teacher Requirements in North Dakota

- **Credential standards. The applicant must fulfill all of the following standards to be credentialed under this chapter:**
 - **1. Hold a North Dakota educator's professional license issued by the education standards and practices board;**
 - **2. Hold a current, valid operator's license that is not suspended or revoked and that is suitable for the type of vehicle to be used for instruction;**
 - **3. Provide an abstract of the applicant's driving record for the past thirty-six months from a state driver licensing office evidencing a satisfactory driving record free from any conviction that would constitute the basis for suspension or revocation of the instructor's operator's license, and not more than three moving traffic violations.**
 - **4. Have at least a college-granted minor in driver education from a state-approved program or have taken coursework that includes at a minimum:**
 - **a. Six semester hours consisting of at least one course each in:**
 - **(1) Classroom driver and traffic education; and**
 - **(2) In-car instruction; and**
 - **b. Ten semester hours chosen from the following:**
 - **(1) No more than three semester hours of health, including a maximum of one semester hour of first aid and two semester hours of drug education;**
 - **(2) No more than three semester hours of safety education which may include motorcycle education, traffic law, multicar driving ranges, accident prevention, driver training for the handicapped, defensive driving, and field experiences in safety education;**
 - **(3) No more than two semester hours of equipment training, which may include driving simulator use and educational technology;**
 - **(4) No more than three semester hours of classroom management;**
 - **(5) No more than three semester hours of psychology, of which adolescent psychology is preferred;**
 - **(6) No more than two semester hours of auto mechanics; or**

- (7) No more than two semester hours of credits received at state or national conferences held by a recognized state or national driver education association.

Driver's License in North Dakota

- **MINORS DRIVER LICENSE**

- North Dakota has a minors licensing law for persons under the age of 18
 - Any person who is at least 14 years old may apply for an Instruction permit.
 - The Instruction permit is valid for a period of one year.
 - The minor driver must be accompanied by a licensed driver at least 18 years of age who has had at least three years of driving experience. An individual other than the supervising driver and the permit holder may not be in the front seat unless the vehicle has only a front seat, in which case, the supervising driver must be seated next to the permit holder.
 - The Instruction permit must be held for six months prior to completing the road test for an operator's license. If under the age of 16, driver education must also be completed prior to road testing.
 - Upon successful completion of the road test, a restricted license will be issued. Anyone under the age of 16 is restricted to the parent or legal guardian's vehicles; or to vehicles equipped with dual controls. Anyone under the age of 16 cannot carry more passengers than the vehicle manufacturers suggested passenger capacity.
 - The director shall cancel the permit or license of a minor under 18 years of age who accumulates six or more points on their driving record or commits an alcohol-related offense while operating a motor vehicle. This includes minor in possession or minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage.
 - A minor, under 18, whose permit or license has been cancelled in this manner will be considered as never having had a permit or license before. An Instruction permit will be issued after successful completion of the written and vision tests.
 - A road test will be administered after successful completion of driver's education and the required six months' holding period of the permit. In the event of a cancellation, driver's education requirements may be met by completing 30 hours of classroom and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training through the Department of Public Instruction or 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training through a commercial driver training school approved by the North Dakota Highway Patrol or by completing an approved Internet driver education course and 30 hours of driving supervised by a parent or legal guardian.

Instruction Permits in North Dakota

- **Instruction Permits allow you to legally practice driving.**
- **They are valid for up to one year or the “duration of stay” date, whichever is less, if an immigration document is presented for proof of identity. Any time you operate with an Instruction permit, a person with a valid license for the class of vehicle being driven, who is at least 18 years of age and has had at least three years of driving experience, must ride in the seat beside you.**
- **To receive a permit you must first pass the written examination and the visual screen test. All applicants must be at least 14 years of age.**
- **Applicants under 18 years of age must have parent or legal guardian sponsorship. When a legal guardian signs, guardianship papers must be presented.**
- **A student enrolled in the high school driver education program may operate the driver education vehicle without an operator’s license or permit while under the supervision of a certified operator training instructor, if the school district sponsoring the training program has appropriate insurance coverage for the student operator. To be eligible for behind-the-wheel training, an applicant must be at least 14 years of age.**

GDL summary in North Dakota

- **To get a learners license you must have a minimum age of 14**
- **Before getting a license or restricted license you must:**
 - **Have a mandatory holding period of: 6 months**
 - **Have a minimum supervised driving time of: none**
 - **Have a minimum age of: 16**
- **Restrictions during intermediate or restricted license stage:**
 - **Nighttime restrictions: no**
 - **Passenger restrictions: (family members excepted unless otherwise noted) no**
- **Minimum age at which restrictions may be lifted:**
 - **Nighttime restrictions: no**
 - **Passenger restrictions: no**
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SOUTH DAKOTA

Driver Education in South Dakota

- **A state approved driver education program meets the following minimum requirements:**
 - **30 hours of classroom instruction,**
 - **six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and**
 - **six hours of observation.**
 - **A certified teacher with a driver education endorsement provides the instruction.**

Driver Education Teacher Requirements in South Dakota

- **Eight semester hours for a high school, middle school, or junior high teacher of driver education, including the following preparatory courses:**
 - **Basic driver education -- methods for classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction;**

- Advanced driver education -- curriculum materials, development, and improvement;
- General traffic safety -- covering schools, pedestrians, passengers, bicycles, school buses, and all other motorized vehicles

GDL in South Dakota Instruction Permit

- To obtain an Instruction Permit, you must be at least 14 years of age and pass the vision and knowledge test.
- The permit is valid for one year or on the same date as the expiration date on the valid documents authorizing the applicant's presence in the United States, whichever occurs first. The cost is \$8.00.
- Minors at least 14 years of age, but less than 18 years of age, must hold the valid permit continuously for 180 days (90 days if *successful completion* [score of 80% or better on both written and driving portions of driver education] of an approved Department of Education driver education course) prior to upgrade of permit to a Restricted Minor's Permit or Operator's License.
- If under 18 years of age and the Instruction Permit expires, a minor would be required to obtain another Instruction Permit for either the 90 or 180 day requirement.
- ***Restrictions:*** During the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. a : licensed driver 18 years of age or older with at least one year's driving experience must be present in the seat next to the person holding the Instruction Permit. Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. the permit holder must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

GDL in South Dakota Restricted Minor's Permit

- To obtain a Restricted Minor's Permit, you must be at least 14 years of age and pass the vision, knowledge, and driving test, complete the requirements of the Instruction Permit, and have not been convicted of a traffic violation during the past six months prior to obtaining the Restricted Minor's Permit.
- An individual up to age 18 years of age may hold a Restricted Minor's Permit.
- The permit is valid for 5 years or until the same date as the expiration date on the valid documents authorizing the applicant's presence in the United States, whichever occurs first.
- ***Restrictions:*** Entitles the holder, while having the permit in his immediate physical possession, to operate a motor vehicle during the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. if the motor vehicle is being operated with the permission of the minor's parent or legal guardian; and during the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. if the minor's parent or legal guardian is occupying a seat beside the driver.
- Upon attaining age 18, permit converts to Operator's License.

GDL in South Dakota Operator's License

- To obtain an Operator's License, you must be at least 16 years of age and pass the vision, knowledge, and driving test.
- If a minor is at least 16 years of age, but under 18 years of age, they must complete the requirements of the Instruction Permit and have not been

convicted of a traffic violation during the past six months prior to obtaining the Operator's License.

- The license is valid for 5 years or until the same date as the expiration date on the valid documents authorizing the applicant's presence in the United States, whichever occurs first. The cost is \$8.00. To renew an Operator's License you must pass the vision test.

Summary of GDL in South Dakota

- To get a learners license you must have a minimum age of: 14¹
- Before getting a license or restricted license you must:
 - Have a mandatory holding period of: 6 months (3 months with driver education)
 - Have a minimum supervised driving time of: none¹
 - Have a minimum age of: 14, 6 months (14, 3 months with driver education)
- Restrictions during intermediate or restricted license stage:
 - Nighttime restrictions: 10 pm-6 am
 - Passenger restrictions: (family members excepted unless otherwise noted) none
- Minimum age at which restrictions may be lifted:
 - Nighttime restrictions: 16
 - Passenger restrictions: no

¹Learner's permit holders may not drive between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless under the supervision of their parent or guardian who is occupying a seat beside them.

WISCONSIN

Driver Education in Wisconsin

- Wisconsin requires satisfactory completion of a driver education course (classroom and laboratory) for persons under 18 years of age electing to be licensed after age 16.
- Classroom instruction must include 30 clock hours.
- During summer school, instruction must extend over at least three consecutive weeks, and six weeks for regular school year programs.
- Driver Education Simulation- A minimum of six clock-hours of driving is required unless simulation instruction is also provided in addition to the in-car driving and observation. Simulation can substitute for on-street driving time based on a 4:1 simulation to In-car driving equivalency ratio. Therefore, if a school provides 12 hrs of simulation, it could reduce its on-street offering to 3 hours. Should a program offer more than 12 hrs of simulation, it still must provide at least 3 hours of in-car/on-street driving.
- Driver Education Multiple-Car Range: - A minimum of six clock-hours of driving is required unless multiple-car driving range instruction is also provided in addition to the in-car driving and observation. Multiple-car driving range instruction carries an equivalency ratio for on-street driving time of 2:1 Thus every two hours of range driving instruction allows the ability to reduce one hour of actual on-street driving. A maximum of 4 hours

of on-street could be reduced, provided each student got at least 8 hrs of range driving.

Driver Education Teacher Requirements in Wisconsin

- **Initial licensure in driver education requires a Wisconsin teacher or pupil service license;**
- **a valid driver's license;**
- **at least three years driving experience while holding a valid driver's license,**
- **an acceptable driving record, and**
- **completion of at least 15 semester credits of approved coursework in driver and safety education.**

GDL in Wisconsin

- **To get an instruction permit, you must:**
 - **be at least 15 years, six months of age, and pass the knowledge and highway signs tests, and vision screening.**
- **If you are under 18, you are required to:**
 - **have completed or be enrolled in an approved behind-the-wheel driver education course which begins within 60 days of the date your driver education instructor certifies your application.**
 - **Note: If you have not completed the classroom portion of driver education, you must be within 60 days of starting behind-the-wheel.**
 - **have your adult sponsor sign the application. The sponsor's signature must be witnessed by either a notary public or an authorized DMV employee.**
 - **Note: Your instruction permit is valid for 12 months. If you need to renew your permit or get a duplicate, you will be asked to provide proof that you are currently enrolled in or have completed driver education.**
- **Restrictions of the Instruction Permit**
 - **You may drive only when you:**
 - **are accompanied by a person with two years driving experience who holds a valid regular (not probationary or occupational) license and who sits in the front passenger seat and is one of the following:**
 - **a qualified instructor 19 or older. (Up to three others may ride along if the car is equipped with dual controls), or**
 - **a parent, guardian or spouse 19 or older (your immediate family members may ride along in the back seat), or**
 - **a person 21 or older. (If you are under 18, this person must be designated in writing by your parent or guardian prior to accompanying you while driving a vehicle.)**
- **Note: If you are at least 16 years of age, in addition to the licensed accompanying driver, one other licensed person 25 years of age or more with**

at least 2 years driving experience may occupy a seat in the vehicle other than the front seat.

- **Probationary license** is the first license issued to new drivers regardless of age. It is valid for two years from your next birthday. Points are doubled for the second and subsequent convictions for traffic violations.
- To qualify for a Probationary license, all applicants must meet the Driver License Requirements which I have presented before. For those under 18, you must also meet the following requirements:
 - present proof of completing an approved driver education class, and
 - have had an Instruction Permit for a minimum of six months, and
 - have accumulated 30 hours of behind-the-wheel driving experience (10 of the 30 hours must be at night) (see note below), and
 - have had no moving traffic violations resulting in a conviction for the 6 months prior to the date of application for this license, and
 - have your parent or adult sponsor certify (on the driver license application) the completion of 30 hours of driving experience (10 at night), and
 - pass a driving skills test, and
 - pay the required fees.
- **Note:** Up to 5 hours of behind-the-wheel driving experience with a qualified instructor may be double counted. For example, 3 hours will count as 6 hours.
- **Restrictions of a probationary license**
- During the first nine months a driver has a probationary license, or until one turns 18, restrictions will limit who can ride with them, the hours you can drive by oneself, and late night/early morning driving. The restriction will state, “No passengers except immediate family, driving instructor, one other person. In addition, from midnight to 5 a.m. a parent, guardian, driving instructor or one other licensed person age 21 or older must be seated beside licensee, unless licensee is driving between his or her home, school, or work.” Restrictions will be extended if you violate them, are convicted of a moving traffic violation, or your license is revoked or suspended for any reason.
- Points assessed as a result of a conviction for a moving violation are doubled for second and subsequent convictions while holding an instruction permit or probationary license.

Summary of GDL in Wisconsin

- To get a learners license you must have a minimum age of: 15, 6 months¹
- Before getting a license or restricted license you must:
 - Have a mandatory holding period of: 6 months¹
 - Have a minimum supervised driving time of: 30 hours, 10 of which must be at night¹
 - Have a minimum age of: 16²
- Restrictions during intermediate or restricted license stage:
 - Nighttime restrictions: midnight-5 am
 - Passenger restrictions: (family members excepted unless otherwise noted) no more than 1 passenger

- **Minimum age at which restrictions may be lifted:**
 - **Nighttime restrictions: 16, 9 months**
 - **Passenger restrictions: 16, 9 months**

¹Enrollment in driver education is required in Wisconsin for permit applicants younger than 18. During the learner's stage, permit holders may carry 3 passengers if supervised by a driving instructor in a dual-control vehicle. Permit holders 16 and older may carry 1 passenger 25 or older who has been licensed at least 2 years.

²Driver education is required for license applicants younger than 18.

NATIONAL STANDARDS IN DRIVER EDUCATION

Some recent history of National Standards for Driver Education

- **In 1993, NHTSA convened a panel of national experts in traffic safety to identify research for training programs designed to reduce young driver risk taking and heighten the decision making skills.**
- **In 1994, NHTSA was requested by Congress to review novice driver education and recommend procedures for improving the training of drivers. The report documented NHTSA efforts in the novice driver education program. It discussed why novice driver education may not be as effective as it promises. The report documents the arguments for an improved program as an important part of the graduated licensing system. The report identifies four areas that may contribute to a successful restructuring of novice driver education as an integral part of the licensing system.**
- **In 1999, an effort to identify a driver development program for lifetime learning was established to determine the needs of a comprehensive instructional program. A review of the current documents is being completed and an outline of the lifetime learning program was accomplished.**
- **Five specific training periods were identified for driver development to include pre-licensing, graduated licensing, and continuing licensing programs. Pre-licensing includes traffic safety education in the school, home, and public information areas. This phase also includes driver education and training efforts in the public and private sectors designed to prepare a driver for licensing. Graduated licensing includes parent training and driver education and training efforts by the public and private sectors that move beyond the pre-licensing efforts. Continuing licensing includes required, personal, and specialized training imposed by the court system, business, government, and the insurance industry to qualify for continued or additional licensing requirements or discounts.**
- **In 2005, NHTSA developed a set of guidelines for testing the effectiveness of driver education standards and curriculum. This material represents the best practices developed by an American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA) Curriculum Standards Committee in October, 2005. These standards will be reflected in future curriculum materials supported, sponsored and approved by this professional organization representing traffic safety instructors across North America.**

Some assumptions that can from the information presented on the previous two slides

- **There is a need to eliminate the 30 classroom hours and six in-car hours minimum standard for driver education.**
- **The need for concurrent learning experiences outweighs the difficulties in scheduling for concurrent activities. A higher set of standards needs to be encouraged and developed.**
- **A sequence of activities needs to be created that allows an integrated approach of information delivery and acquisition to skill development which leads to effective habit formation.**
- **Instructor training must be designed to make use of new materials. Requirements, incentives and motivation methods must be developed to encourage teacher training.**
- **Driver education is the beginning effort and should encourage a need for on-going education.**
- **Administrative efforts would be developed to support driver education efforts. Those administrative efforts would encourage initiation, implementation and maintenance of driver education programs.**
- **A process needs to be developed to perform the task of developing updated materials and encourage program maintenance.**
- **The responsibilities of stakeholders and partners of traffic safety education would be well defined.**
- **Information, descriptions, analysis, and guided experiences will result in desirable performances and behaviors. That multi-segment program development will lead to better driver performance and behavior.**
- **The driver is to be educated prior to entering the beginning driver education program, during a second, enhanced driver education program, and continue with periodic public information and performance enhancement.**

Development of new National Standards in Driver Education

- **In May 2008, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) convened a working group to help develop novice driver education and training standards.**
- **NHTSA, a consulting group, and the working group materials at a February 2009 national conference on driver education and training in Scottsdale AZ attended by key driver education and training providers from government driver education and training administrators and private entities. The conference was to facilitate implementation strategy development as well as mechanisms for update, change, and follow through on standards once they were approved.**
- **The Working Group met and determined that standards should be set for the following topic areas:**
 - **Program Administration**
 - **Education/Training**
 - **Instructor Qualification**
 - **Parent/Guardian Involvement**
 - **Coordination With Driver Licensing**

- **It is unknown (at least to me) what will happen with the work that was done at the conference in Scottsdale AZ.**
- **There is a lot of work that still needs to be done. I hope that NHTSA supports more work on the standards and call for a ‘National Commission for Driver and Traffic Safety Education Standards-2010’ that would involve all of the present stake holders and to include health educators, CDC, PTA, Gov. highway safety reps, insurance, manufacturers, and law enforcement. Each would have their role in developing different phases of the standards document rather than the hodgepodge of representation that was evident at the meeting in Scottsdale AZ.**