

### Scheduling Your Driving Lessons

A lot of families find out about the minimum six-hour driving lesson requirement and want to get it done as quickly as possible. Drivers under 18 must have their permit for a minimum of six months before eligible to take the behind the wheel test, so there's no reason to rush through all the lessons as soon as a student gets their permit. Once a student has taken their first lesson with an instructor, the permit is signed and stamped and they can legally drive with another licensed driver at least 25 years old.

We recommend spreading out the lessons so the student has time to practice between them. This makes time with the instructor more value-added since they can assess the student's progress and focus on the areas where they need the most help.

We also recommend timing the last lesson to be the same week as the DMV behind the wheel test. The instructor will spend time on that last lesson reinforcing what the student needs to do for the test. These strategies increase the chances of the student passing the behind the wheel test on the first try.

**Here's how we recommend scheduling your lessons:**

- First Lesson – Immediately following permit issuance
- Middle Lessons\* - After 20-30 hours of driving practice
- Final Lesson – Within one week of scheduled DMV drive test

\*Depending on your region and selected package, this will be lessons 2-5

### Getting Your Preferred Appointment Times

Demand for behind-the-wheel driving lessons follows a seasonal pattern, as you can see from the chart below.

Here are some tips for getting preferred lesson times and locations:

- If you've purchased one of our packages, you can schedule all your lessons as soon as payment is made.
- Our cancellation policy allows you to change a lesson with no penalty if cancelled at least 24 hours in advance, so book your lessons now and change them later if something comes up.
- Add yourself to the waiting list for a lesson, and then be sure to monitor your email. Once an appointment becomes available again, the person who can book it the fastest gets it.
- After school lessons are the most popular and our weekend offerings are limited. If you can miss a class or two, you can often find a lesson that starts a little earlier in the afternoon (or take advantage of an open period in your schedule).
- Only lessons near your home region are visible to you on the web site. If you are able to get to a neighboring school for pickup and drop-off, you can call or email our office to find out what lessons are open in other parts of the region and we can book it for you.
- Don't schedule your DMV appointment before you schedule your final lesson—especially if it's during the summer. Get on our calendar first, then schedule with the DMV.

