

# TEENS and NEW DRIVERS

## Information for Parents/Educators

[State of Ohio Graduated Drivers License \(GDL\)](#)  
[Ohio GDL Made Easy \(video\)](#)

### Parents are the Key to Safety:

There are steps you can take to help make sure your teen stays safe on the road. The first thing to do? Be the parent. Get involved in your teen's driving.



**PARENT-TEEN DRIVING AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will drive carefully and cautiously and will be courteous to other drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians at all times.

**I PROMISE.**

I promise that I will obey all the rules of the road.

- Always wear a seat belt and make all my passengers buckle up
- Obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs, and road markings
- Stay within the speed limit and drive safely
- Never use the car to race or to try to impress others
- Never give rides to hitchhikers

I promise that I will make sure I can stay focused on driving.

- Never text while driving (writing, reading or sending messages)
- Never talk on the cell phone — including handsfree devices or speakerphone — while driving
- Drive with both hands on the wheel
- Never eat or drink while driving
- Drive only when I am alert and in emotional control
- Call my parents for a ride home if I am impaired in any way that interferes with my ability to drive safely, or if my driver is impaired in any way
- Never use headphones or earbuds to listen to music while I drive

I promise that I will respect laws about drugs and alcohol.

- Drive only when I am alcohol and drug free
- Never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in the car
- Be a passenger only with drivers who are alcohol and drug free

I promise that I will be a responsible driver.

- Drive only when I have permission to use the car and I will not let anyone else drive the car unless I have permission
- Drive someone else's car only if I have parental permission
- Pay for all traffic citations or parking tickets
- Complete my family responsibilities and maintain good grades at school as listed here: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribute to the costs of gasoline, maintenance, and insurance as listed here: \_\_\_\_\_



**TEENDRIVINGPLAN**  
Practice Guide YouTube Videos

[Parent-Supervised Driving Lesson Plans](#)

[Teen Driving Practice Guide](#)

[TeenDrivingPlan Goal Checklist](#)



Additional Resources:

[CDC Parents Are the Key to Safe Teen Drivers Downloadable Materials](#)

[National Safety Council \(NSC\) Parents Are the Key](#)

[Teens Speak Up About Parents' Risky Driving Behaviors](#)

[Educators & Parents -- Ford Driving Skills for Life](#)

[Educators -- Impact Teen Drivers Programs](#)

[Butler County Safe Communities Teen and New Drivers Website](#)

