



THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Obtain learner permit **AS SOON AS ELIGIBLE** according to Texas State Law- submit copy to GLDA office ASAP.
- Students **MUST** hold permit for least 6 months – once learner permit submitted to GLDA office, allow a minimum of 7 months to complete drive lessons.
- Students should practice a minimum of 6-8 hrs. for every lesson w/ GLDA instructors- **GLDA suggests a minimum of 100 hrs. of practice before taking DPS Road Test.**
- GLDA requires a min. of **14 days** between each lesson allowing for student practice & flexibility - **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Drive lessons posted **EVERY- Monday after 8:00 pm** on the S2D scheduling system. (unless noted on S2D message board)
- ***GLDA WILL PROVIDE AMPLE DRIVE LESSONS TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED DRIVE LESSONS BY THE CONTRACT DEADLINE. GLDA DOES NOT & WILL NOT FACTOR THE STUDENT BIRTHDATE OR 6 MONTH HOLD DATE INTO THE COMPLETION OF DRIVE LESSONS. IF YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT DEADLINE IN MIND (BIRTHDATE or 6 MONTH HOLD DATE), PLAN ACCORDINGLY.***

CONTRACT DEADLINE:

- Contract Deadline- required by TDLR- **1 year from 1st ZOOM classroom day or date of enrollment (for drive only/online class students)** Must complete all training by contract deadline or contract will be terminated & student will lose credit.
- Extensions available for purchase if unable to complete program by deadline (contact office or visit website for details)
- A variance may be available if there has been an illness, injury or other unforeseen event- **NOT FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OF ANY TYPE.** (contact the office for details)

DRIVING INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS:

- 7 hours behind-the-wheel & 7 hours observing another student – (required to obtain a Texas driver license)
- Parent Log - (Must drive w/ person 21 or older with valid driver's license): 30 hours -10 of those hours at night
 - "Parent" Driving – (not subject to contract deadline)
 - "Parent" Driving may begin as soon as student has their permit- **GLDA suggests a minimum of 100 hrs. of practice before taking DPS Road Test** – (TDLR requires 30 hrs. at home & 7 hrs. with an instructor).
 - Scheduling drive lessons with GLDA instructors may begin once GLDA office receive a copy of the learner's permit. (classroom completion IS NOT A REQUIREMENT to begin drive lessons)

ABOUT DRIVE LESSONS:

- \$100 fee will be assessed for the following:
 - No show – for a scheduled lesson
 - Late cancellation – cancelled inside 24 hrs.
 - Student arrives without corrective lenses as stated on permit
 - Fees should be paid ASAP. – if multiple fees (\$100 or more) remain unpaid account will be deactivated
 - At various times during the school year, it **WILL** be more difficult to schedule drive lessons. For example: after 1st of March until the end school year or the beginning of the school year.
 - Student arrives in "Flip-Flops" after first warning
 - Student does not have a valid permit – (State LAW))

PREPARING FOR A DRIVE LESSON:

- Arrive at least 10 minutes prior to lesson
- Student's hair must be out of their eyes
- **No casts, braces, splints, etc.... hands, legs or arms - NO EXCEPTIONS**
- LOOK for progress reports given to students after each drive lesson and/or progress letters

TIPS FOR SCHEDULING A DRIVE LESSON:

- Obtain learner permit **AS SOON AS ELIGIBLE** according to Texas State Law- submit copy to GLDA office ASAP
- **DO NOT WAIT TO SCHEDULE DRIVE LESSONS – CHECK SCHEDULE FREQUENTLY (once permit submitted to GLDA)**
- Use Email & Text alerts – but don't rely on them solely
- Contract is for one year – if you have a DIFFERENT deadline (birthday or some other date) – plan accordingly
- Be flexible (GLDA may have as many as 500 active students at any given time)
- ***DO NOT WAIT TO SCHEDULE LESSONS – SCHEDULE THRU THE YEAR - AT MINIMUM SCHEDULE 1 LESSON PER MONTH***
- GLDA posts enough drive lessons to complete well over 900 students in a year - GLDA cannot complete 900 students in a month - plan scheduling of lessons accordingly.
- Purchase the **Premier Scheduling Plan** & allow GLDA staff to the driving lessons. (contact the office for details)