



Granite Falls High School
Traffic Safety Education
DOL Approved Testing Facility



Steps to getting your first License:
Teens 15 – 17 years old

License Requirements

To get your driver license, you must:

- Be at least 16 years old.
- Be a Washington resident (your license will show this address).
- Successfully complete a driver training course.
- Have your Washington State photo instruction permit for at least 6 months.
- Not have been convicted of any traffic violations within 6 months of applying for the license.
- Not have been convicted of any alcohol or drug offense while holding an instruction permit.

How to get your instruction permit

Step 1

Already possess a current Washington State ID card with a current ID number

Or

Go to the online application services at dol.wa.gov, generate your driver license profile and print your newly created ID number.

Step 2

Determine student’s age and choose which session best fits with family/student’s schedule. Each session is limited to 30 students.

TSE Sessions	Starts	Ends
Fall Session	Last week of September/First week of October	Middle of November
Spring Session	Last week of February/First week of March	Middle of May
Summer Session	End of May	First of July

Minimum Age Requirements

Parents may enroll their teen in Traffic Safety Education (TSE) as soon as they turn 15 – Must be 15 on the first day of class. Check with Instructors or bulletin for the official first day of class of each session.

Step 3

Instruction permit options by Age

Students must have an instruction permit to practice driving

Student's Age Requirements for an instruction permit

Under 15 1/2 *Fill out and return Traffic Safety Education contract and registration form
*Bring ID number and enroll in Traffic Safety Education
*Pay for the TSE class- Cost **is \$490 dollars**, checks made out to **GFHS**
*TSE Instructor will electronically certify student is enrolled in TSE class
*Wait until 10 days prior to the first day of the session starting, and then go to a DOL office
At the DOL office you will need to:
 Show proof of identity
 Provide your Social Security number
 Pass a vision screening
 Have your photo taken (smile-this will be on your license)
 Pay the fees

15 ½ - 17 **Option 1**
*Same as above
Option 2
*Study drivers guide that you can get online
*Take practice knowledge test online
*Bring ID number and sign up with an instructor to take the knowledge test
*Pay **\$25 dollars** and pass the driver's knowledge test.
 Check made out to **ESD 189**
With this option you **will not** be enrolled for the next TSE session. An additional **\$490** dollars will be needed to enroll in the TSE class. However, you will be able to get your permit and start your 6 months practice period required to get your license.
Option 3
*Study drivers guide that you can get online
*Take practice knowledge test online
*Fill out and return Traffic Safety Education contract and registration form
*Bring ID number and sign up with an instructor to take the knowledge test
*Pay **\$490 dollars** and pass the driver's knowledge test.
 Checks made out to **GFHS**
This option signs you up for the next session of TSE with no additional cost and allows you to get your permit and start your 6 months practice period required to get your license.
*TSE Instructor will electronically enter student's knowledge test score and you can now go to the DOL office
At the DOL office you will need to:
 Show proof of identity
 Provide your Social Security number
 Pass a vision screening
 Have your photo taken (smile-this will be on your license)
 Pay the fees

How to get your license

1. Pass the driver training course
 Instructor will electronically submit course completion.

2. Complete at least 50 hours of driving practice (including 10 hours at night) with someone who's been licensed for 5 years or more.
 - a. Resources for the person who supervises the driving practice can be found on the DOL web site.
 - i. Intermediate License logbook
 - ii. Washington Parent Guide to Teen Driving for tips on how to supervise
 - iii. Safe-Driving agreement between parents and teens to establish safe-driving rules.
3. Pass the knowledge test (if you have not done so yet)
 - a. Instructor will electronically enter score
4. Pass the driving test (can be scheduled any time after they have pass the TSE course and passed the knowledge test)
 - a. Instructor will electronically enter score
5. Get your license:
 - a. Turn 16 and had your instruction permit for 6 months
 - b. Go online:
 - i. Your parent or guardian must be with you so they can give permission online for you to get your license.
 - ii. Parents will have to check the Parental Authorization Affidavit, verifying the completion of 50 hours of driving practice.
 - iii. Pay the licensing fee with a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express debit or credit card (no gift cards).
 - iv. Print the receipt. It's your temporary license. Since it doesn't include your photo, you can't use it as identification.
 - v. Your permanent license will have the same photo as your instruction permit. It will be mailed to the address on have file.
 - vi. Your permanent license will be mailed within 7 – 10 days. If you don't receive it within 30 days, please go to a driver licensing office

Intermediate License Laws for Teen Drivers

If you're **under 18**, you'll be issued an intermediate driver license and must follow these laws:

- **Driving with Passengers**
 - **First 6 months:** no passengers under 20 years old, except for immediate family members (spouse, child, or siblings, both by birth or marriage).
 - **Next 6 months:** No more than 3 passengers under 20 years old who aren't members of your immediate family.
- **Nighttime driving**

For the **first 12 months**, you can't drive between 1 am and 5 am unless you're with a licensed driver 25 years or older. The **only exceptions** are driving agricultural purposes and transporting farm products or supplies under the direction of a farmer as described in [RCW46.20.070](#).
- **No cell phones**

You aren't permitted to use wireless devices while driving, even with a hands-free device. This includes talking on cell phones and sending or receiving text messages. You may only use a wireless device to report an emergency

These restrictions won't apply after you turn 18 years old.

Penalties for violations and accidents

- **First violation:** Passenger and nighttime restrictions will apply until you're 18. We'll send a warning letter to you and your parent/guardian for the following:
 - Get a ticket for violating the restrictions.

- Get a ticket for violating a rule of the road.
- Are involved in an accident where:
 - You get a ticket or are determined to have caused the accident.
 - No one involved in the accident receives a ticket.
 - The cause of the accident can't be determined.
 - Only your car was involved in the accident.
- **2nd violation:** License suspended for 6 months (or until you're 18, whichever comes first). We'll notify you and your parent/guardian before we take any suspension action.
- **3rd violation:** License suspended until you're 18. We'll notify you and your parent/guardian before we take any suspension action.

Note: We don't determine who caused an accident. If you'd like a copy of your collision report, contact the Washington State Patrol records division at 360.570.2355.

Warning letters and penalties until age 18

Once you've driven safely for 1 year the passenger and nighttime driving restrictions expire, but the other violations will apply until you're 18.

Frequently asked questions

Do I have to get a new license when I turn 18?

No, the intermediate driver license automatically becomes a regular driver license.

How do police enforce the intermediate license laws?

They enforce them as a "secondary action." This means that if a teen driver is stopped for a traffic offense, the officer can cite the driver for any violations of intermediate license restrictions.

If I have a drug or alcohol-related offense or Minor in Possession (MIP), can I get my intermediate license?

No, you'll have to wait until you're 18 if you're convicted of any of the following while you have an instruction permit:

- Driving under the influence ([RCW 46.61.502](#))
- Physical control of vehicle under the influence ([RCW 46.61.504](#))
- Driver under 21 consuming alcohol ([RCW 46.61.503](#))
- Alcohol or drug violations ([RCW 46.20.265](#))

If I have a license from another state, do the intermediate license laws apply to me?

Yes. A teen with a valid out-of-state license must get an intermediate WA license and meet all the same requirements.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE GRANITE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM (Please read, sign as instructed, and return.)

ENROLLMENT - Students between the ages of 15 and 18 who reside in the Granite Falls School District are eligible to enroll in the Traffic Safety Education Class paying the fee of **\$490.00** at the time of enrollment.

WITHDRAWING FROM CLASS - NO refunds will be granted to students who withdraw after classes have started. This program is not financed by school district tax funds, but by student fees; therefore, space and teachers must be provided according to the number of students enrolled. Once a student is accepted, others will be turned down as space is limited.

REPEATERS - Students who fail or drop out of class will have the opportunity to take the class over. This will require an additional fee of **\$490.00**. Both the classroom and the behind-the-wheel instruction must be repeated in case of failures.

PERMIT - All students must have a permit to drive; the DOL fee is **\$25.00**. The previous pages list the different available options for obtaining an instructional permit. After registering for TSE course, you and your student will need to take the previously listed documentation along with **\$25.00** fee to the Department of Licensing to get his/her permit before the date they are scheduled to drive. When a parent takes a student under the age of 18 to the Department of Licensing to obtain an instruction permit, a new law requires the parent to provide documentation that establishes he/she is the actual parent of the student. The best documentation is a birth certificate which includes parent name. A step-parent will need a marriage certificate as an additional source document.

DRIVER'S GUIDE - Each student can obtain a Washington State Driver's Guide (free of charge) by downloading and printing one from the DOL web site. If a Driver's Guide cannot be downloaded and printed, one will be issued during the first day of class. Issued Driver's Guides must be returned at the completion of the session.

CLASSROOM SESSIONS - Each classroom session will be approximately 1 (one) to 2 (two) hours in length for a total of 34 classroom hours. Make sure your son/daughter does not drop below the state minimum of 30 total classroom hours. If, for any reason, the student drops below the state minimum, he/she will be dropped from the program.

WORKSHEETS - Students will be given worksheet packets to supplement the Driver's Guide. These packets should be completed by the next lesson or when designated by the instructor. These sheets are designed to help the student better understand the material presented. All assignments must be completed and turned in to pass the course. In addition, the class will first discuss concepts in class before application is done with the on the street phase (driving portion) of Traffic Safety Education.

TESTS - Students must pass all course unit tests with an 80% or better in order to pass the course. Students will be allowed to retake each unit test once, before an alternative test will be assigned.

Students must pass the TSE course, both in the classroom and behind the wheel, before they will be allowed to take the DOL knowledge (written) test. They must also have passed the DOL knowledge test before they can schedule the DOL skills (driving) test. The Motor Vehicle Department requires each applicant who applies for a driver's license to pass the written test with a score of 80% (20 out of 25) questions. He/she is also required to obtain a score of 80 out of 100 points on the driving test. Not all students pass the knowledge and/or skills test on the first attempt. They may retake either test as soon as they feel ready, however, there is an additional cost of **\$25.00** dollars for each knowledge test and **\$45.00** for each skills test needed.

DRIVING LESSONS - Any student who misses any driving lesson without notifying the instructor 24 hours in advance will be subject to the following: 1st and 2nd offenses - warning and lessons must be made up. **Students will be charged a \$50.00 rescheduling fee for all offenses.**

3rd offense - the student will be dropped from the program and the entire class must be repeated with an additional **\$490.00** charge.

IN-CAR INSTRUCTION - The student driver must give his/her driver's permit to the instructor before taking the wheel of the car. Students will not be allowed to drive if they are not in possession of their

driver's permit. Students will drive in groups of two (2), and the instruction is divided into six (6) lessons. The last lesson will be a final review for the skills (driving) examination.

SUSPENDED STUDENTS - Students suspended from school will not be allowed to attend classroom sessions during the time of suspension. Students suspended from school for possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs will be dropped from the Traffic Safety Program.

At the end of the session the completion certificate will be electronically submitted to the DOL website for all students who have completed the course.

We realize that it is not possible for all students to become accomplished drivers during the course. The students are therefore judged not only on their present skills, but also on whether or not they have the potential to be good and safe drivers after having additional practice in the family car. SUPERVISED PRACTICE in the family car is essential for success - BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the course. Without additional practice, many students fail to show the necessary potential required for successful completion of the course.

It will be beneficial to both teacher and student if the student has had a small amount of practice before the first driving lesson. This should be confined to a safe area, such as a school parking lot. Practice in backing is very helpful. After the driving lessons have begun, more practice is advisable. A recommended amount of practice is at least two hours in the family car for each hour in the TRAFFIC SAFETY CAR.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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GFHS Traffic Safety Education

Please read the student responsibilities and requirements packet completely, sign below and return when enrolling your student. This is to certify that I have carefully read the rules and regulations of the Traffic Safety course. I give my permission as a parent or guardian of

Student Name

For him/her to enroll in the GFSD Traffic Safety Education Program. To the best of my knowledge the named student has no medical condition (i.e. seizures, hearing, or visual difficulties) and is not taking any medication of which the instructor should be aware.

Parent Signature

Date

I, the enrolled student named above, have carefully read the rules and regulations of the Traffic Safety Course and agree to abide by them.

Student signature

Date

Student Information:

Legal Last Name

Legal First Name

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Date

Physical Address

City

State

Zip

Mailing Address (if different)

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Student Mobile Phone

Email address

ID Number from DOL

**Return this page and \$490.00 to enroll in TSE
Cash or checks payable to: GFHS**

Department of Licensing (DOL) Examination Guidelines and Information

Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) driver license knowledge and driving skills examination are administered by qualified examiners in accordance with standards and procedures established by DOL. These examinations are conducted at Granite Falls High School for students under the age of 18 who have successfully completed a Granite Falls School District Traffic Safety Education (TSE) Program.

For students who completed TSE prior to January 2013, the fee to administer the initial written knowledge test is \$25.00, and the fee to administer the initial driving skills test is \$45.00. For students enrolled in TSE after January 2013, the DOL examination fee is included with the registration fee. All fees are nonrefundable.

The written knowledge exam consists of 25 multiple-choice questions about traffic safety laws. In order to pass the test, at least 20 answers must be correct. If the knowledge test is not passed the first or second time, there is an additional \$25.00 for each subsequent test. Written knowledge tests are held in a group setting; rescheduling may be available for the next session.

The driving skills exam tests the student's ability to drive legally and safely. A score of at least 80% is required to pass. If the driving skills test is not passed the first time, there is an additional \$45.00 for each subsequent test. Driving skills tests are provided by appointment on an individual basis.

Students must provide their own vehicle for the driving skills exam along with proof of insurance and current registration on the day of the test. The car must be legal to operate on public streets, included but not limited to, windshield, seat belts, wipers, defroster, tires, mirrors, all brake and reverse lights, turn signals, and licenses with current tabs. Arm signals will need to be demonstrated prior to beginning the skills test.

Exam scores are entered into the DOL database within twenty-four (24) hours. Passing the knowledge and driving tests does not guarantee that an applicant will be issued a driver license.

Visit a DOL office to apply for driver license once all licensing requirements have been met. For students under the age of 18, requirements include:

- At least 16 years old
- Successful completion of a traffic of a traffic safety education course
- Permit held for at least six (6) months
- Fifty (50) hours driving experience with at least ten (10) night driving hours

The DOL reserves the right to conduct random re-examinations; applicants refusing to take a re-examination may have their license revoked. Testing must be done at a DOL office if a letter was received from DOL regarding specific examinations due to a physical, mental, visual, or medical issue.

An online form is available at <http://tinyurl.com/lnouhab> to file complaints about the Traffic Safety Education (TSE) program or Department of Licensing (DOL) examination program administered by the Northwest Educational Service District 189 (NWESD).

Signatures below indicate acknowledgement and acceptance of all DOL examination guidelines listed above.

Student Name: _____ Permit Number: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

DOL charges additional application fees and licensing fees – see DOL website for fees.