

## *Driver License Timeline for Virginia*

### **1. LEARNERS PERMIT**

- **15 and 6 months (15 ½) minimum age to get learners permit**

1. Student must hold learners permit for 9 months (it is best to get your learners permit ASAP, waiting only pushes back when you can get your license. You must hold the permit 9 months)
2. All students under 19 must hold the learners permit 9 months before they are eligible for their license.
3. During the 9 month period with their learners permit the student should participate in supervised driving.
4. This can be accomplished with a family member 18 years old or older that has a valid driver license and is seated next to the permit driver.
5. Student may also obtain supervised driving with a non family member if that person is at least 21 years old, has a valid driver licenses and is seated next to the permit driver.
6. It is the responsibility of the student driver to record the times and keep track of supervised driving hours. Student should note night time driving because 15 of the 45 hours must be at night. This driving log will be requested by your behind the wheel instructor. Parents must sign indicating the student has driven at least 45 hours.

- **Classroom Driver Education** (10<sup>th</sup> Grade PE Class) this is a 9 week (quarter) class. Student must have a passing grade in this class to take “Behind The Wheel” You do not have to have your learners permit to take this class

- **Behind the wheel Class**

1. Students can sign up for Behind The Wheel after completion of classroom Driver Education, have secured a valid learners permit, and have at least 20 hours documented on the Driving log (recommended).
2. Students in classroom driver education can also sign up for Behind The Wheel if all of the following apply: Student has completed at least 4 weeks of the course, have a grade of A or B in the class, have the teacher signed Concurrent Form to take to the BTW teacher. (You **cannot** register and take Behind The Wheel concurrently with a private driving school, classroom portion must be completed to register.)

- **After finishing (passing) Behind The Wheel** you will be in one of the 2 categories below
  1. You have held your permit for at least 9 months and have completed your 45 hour log. Your Behind The Wheel teacher will have you and your parent sign all necessary paper work at the completion of class. The parent will be given your PDL (90 day temporary license). The BTW teacher will submit your paper work and within about 6-8 weeks you should receive a post card in the mail from the state telling you when to attend your court appointment (usually a Tuesday or Wednesday evening) to appear before the judge. At the completion of the ceremony the judge will hand the hard copy of your license to your parent. You are now done and have your license. Congratulations!!!!
  2. You **have not held** your permit for 9 months and/or **have not completed** your 45 hour log. Your Behind The Wheel teacher will submit all paper work at the completion of class to the area office and provide a phone number to call when the 9 month time period is reached or the 45 hour log is complete. Both the parent and teen will need to go to the office and sign the necessary paper work. The area office will give the parent your TDL (90 day temporary license). The area office will submit your paper work and within about 6-8 weeks you should receive a post card in the mail from the state telling you when to appear before the judge. At the completion of the ceremony the judge will hand the hard copy of your license to your parent. You are now done and have your license. Congratulations!!!!
  
- **Partners for Safe Teen Driving Presentation (PSTD)**
  1. This is new to the state of Virginia and is required to receive a driver's license
  2. This class is a 90 minute presentation offered five times throughout the year.
  3. Students must attend one of the classes with a parent while enrolled in 10<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Education.
  4. **Students DO NOT have to attend this class before taking "Behind the Wheel" but must attend before eligibility for licensure.**
  5. It is **VERY** important that students/parents arrive on time as this is a state mandated class. Late students/parents **WILL NOT** be allowed to attend and will have to attend at a later date.

**Dates for Parents for Safe Teen Driver Class at MV are:**

Monday, September 19<sup>st</sup>

Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> (Touch Base)

Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

Start time is 6:30pm. Doors open at 6:15pm in the Little Theatre