

Important Information for Students Signed up for Driver Education

Utah State Law allows a student to obtain a learner permit at age 15. A learner permit entitles a student who is younger than 18 years of age to drive with his/her parent or legal guardian. The parent or guardian must be an adult-licensed driver who has signed for and accepts financial responsibility for the student. All students under the age of 18 must have their learner permits for at least 6 months before they are eligible to receive their driver license.

Under Utah State Law, the students must have their learner permits to drive with the driver education instructors to meet the driving requirements.

At Murray High School we begin driving on the range and on the road almost immediately. **Therefore, all students must bring their learner permit to the first day of class or they will not be allowed to be in Driver Education.**

If your child does not want to get his/her driver license at this time, please make sure to have them see his/her counselor to get another class BEFORE school begins to make the process easier on all. Students may take Driver Ed. any of their years at MHS.

It is the responsibility of parents and students to follow the steps to get a learner permit:

- Make sure you have an **original birth certificate, Social Security Card, and 2 forms of Residency**. The Driver License Division (**DLD**) will NOT accept copies, hospital certificates, etc. If you do not have these documents, you will want to get a jump on getting these right away as sometimes they may take a while to obtain.
- Make sure you have at least **20/40 vision**. If not, get to the eye doctor and get corrective lenses. You will not be allowed to get a permit unless your vision is at least 20/40.
- Obtain a Utah State Driver Handbook from the Driver License Division, your school's main office, or the main office at Murray High School.
- **Make an appointment at the DLD** to take the test for your learner permit. For information on appointments, what you need to bring, fees (\$15.00 for every 3 times to take a test), office hours, etc., go to: <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/dld/> **Make sure to study the handbook thoroughly before going to take the test!** Most students do **not** pass the first time they take the test so don't wait until just before class starts to take the test. The test must be passed with at least 80% accuracy. Many students think it is all common sense. Many students also fail the test when they go to take it too! Be prepared! It takes the average student about 3 times to pass the test so don't think you are just going to go and whiz through it the very first time.

If you have not been able to pass the test after several tries or are just not ready to take the class yet, please see your counselor about making a class change prior to the beginning of class. Driver Education is NOT a required course. Once again, remember to bring your learner permit to the first day of class.

If there are more students than there is room in a class, the teachers will go by permit issue dates (those students who have had their permits the longest).

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