

8 Hours of Driving

\$300

Third Party Road Skills Testing:

\$50/road test EDA student

\$60/road test non-EDA student

- Includes: Louisiana OMV Approved Road test, vehicle rental for test, and completion of OMV forms. Original Road Skills Certificate will be in a sealed envelope. **DO NOT OPEN THIS ENVELOPE. ONLY OMV PERSONNEL MAY OPEN IT.**

*****PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE*****

Classroom Instruction

State Law requires that students **must be at least within 90 days of their 15 birthday and in the 8th grade** to enter classroom instruction. EDA strongly recommends the student be as close to their 15th birthday as possible. EDA wants to begin driving instruction as soon as possible. Remember, students must be no less than 15 years old before beginning the driving portion of the course. We at EDA believe that having students wait 3 or so months to begin driving can be counter-productive, but we do recognize students' busy schedules.

Temporary Instructional Permit (TIP) must be obtained prior to the student taking the final and driving. Without the TIP, student may only attend the classroom portion. Two (2) forms of identification must be presented; 1 being the student's original certified birth certificate and the other being the student's school id or original Social Security Card.

School appropriate dress is required. (School uniforms are not required)

No sagging pants, low cut pants, nor short shorts are appropriate.

No inappropriate symbols or language on clothing.

Low cut or revealing shirts are not appropriate.

Unless, specified by the instructor, the use of cell phones or other electronic devices is prohibited during classroom instruction. Students may use their devices before class, during breaks, and after class.

Cheating will absolutely not be tolerated. Students caught cheating will be dismissed from the class and parents must immediately pick up the student and leave the premises. The student will have to make arrangements with the owner to make up missed classes and to retake the test at cost of **\$50 per hour**.

Classroom etiquette will be enforced

No foul or abusive language or behavior will be tolerated.

Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

In the event a student is asked to leave due to misconduct, parent will be called to pick up their student immediately. Only the owner of the company can reinstate a student. No refunds will be awarded and additional fees may apply.

To track the student's progress and understanding of class material, 9 periodic quizzes will be given throughout the course, consisting of 10 -15 true/false and multiple choice questions. A final exam given is the **Louisiana OMV written test** consisting of 40 multiple choice and true false questions and a score on the final of 80% is needed to pass. A second test will be allowed if the student does not pass the original final. If the second test is not passed, the student will be asked to go home and review the material further. The student then must make arrangements with the instructor to take another test and a \$50/hr fee will be assessed.

All test papers and answer sheets are the property of Excellent Drivers Academy and may not leave the premises. We will happily discuss test results with parent upon request.

Driving Instructions

The State mandates that each student receive 8 hours of driving instruction to include 1 hour each of rural roads, city roads, major highways and interstate driving. The instructor will assess each driver's abilities and weaknesses and use the other 4 hours to work on the student's weaknesses. **If the driver receives a ticket while driving it is the driver's responsibility to pay that ticket. No flip-flops, skids, sandals, etc are allowed, only closed toe and heeled shoes.**

No student, under any circumstance, will be allowed to drive an EDA vehicle if under 15 years old. **Students must bring their TIP each time they drive as their permit to used only for driving instructions with our certified instructors.** Please do not allow your child to drive on public road until he or she is issued a learner's permit, as it is against the law.

Upon the completion of the 8 hour behind the wheel course, the instructor will assess the student on the following skills: pre-trip preparation, backing up, accelerating and braking, left turn, right turn, proper lane usage, lane change, obeying traffic signs and signals and stopping. Parents will be informed of the driving skills results.

A grade of 70% is required to pass the driving portion of the class. If the student fails the driving portion of the course, he/she must take additional driving instruction at a rate of \$50/hr. Once the instructor deems the student ready, the instructor will administer another driving skills test.

Attendance

Students are mandated by law to attend all 30 hours of classroom instruction. The course is broken down into modules. If the course is interrupted or incomplete at any time, the student must make-up that module at the next available class. Final tests will only be given to students who have completed the 30 hours of classroom instruction.

Students are also mandated by law to complete 8 hours of driving instruction. Students must be 15 years of age to begin behind the wheel (BTW) training. Students will be allowed to schedule their driving hours on a first come first service basis. Of course, we will be as accommodating as possible, but we have limited instructors and vehicles. If a student must miss their scheduled driving time, a 24 hour notice is required or a \$50/hr fee will be assessed.

A copy of the class schedule will be given to each parent/guardian. Daily instruction is limited to 8 hours by law. A 10 minute break will be given every 90 minutes or so. Lunch is 30 minutes. Class will begin promptly at 8am and finish at 4:30pm. Be sure to have someone there to pick up your student on time. The instructor's time is valuable and if he/she must wait for you more the 15 minutes a \$50 fee will be assessed.

Students must provide their own lunches snacks. Students **are not** permitted to leave for lunch.

Driver's Education Certificate of Completion

A Driver's Education Certification of Completion will be issued to a student **only** after successfully completing both the 30 hours of classroom with a minimum final test grade of 80% and 8 hours of driving instruction with a minimum grade of 70%.

No certificate will be issued until both the classroom portion and driving portion of the course are passed and all fees are paid.

PARENTS, STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE 8 HRS OF DRIVING WITHIN 120 DAYS OF PASSING THE WRITTEN EXAM OR THEY CANNOT RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AND MUST RETAKE THE CLASSROOM PORTION AGAIN AT YOUR EXPENSE.

Refunds

Refunds will only be awarded as required by law as listed below:

1. The school is closed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.
2. State determines that students were trained by an unlicensed instructor.

School credit

No High School credit is awarded to the student for completion of the course.

Students with physical, hearing, speech and/or learning disabilities

Students with disabilities which exceed the capabilities of our instructors will be given instruction to contact the State for further assistance.

Guarantees:

EDA cannot give a guarantee, actual nor implied, that even though your child has successfully completed our course that he/she will pass the written and/or driving test. As with any test, the preparation is the responsibility of the student and yourself. We also cannot guarantee that even though you young adult has successfully completed our class that he or she will not be involved in a crash in the future. We do ask that you trust our professional opinion about the readiness of your young adult to advance in their driving stages. We will not pass a student on any driving test if we feel the student is not ready to advance in the Graduated Licensing Program. Their safety is our paramount concern. We do guarantee we will present the material in a professional and engaging manner. Our goal is for your student to succeed. EDA shall not engage in any form of discrimination nor illegal activity. We will adhere to all local, state and federal laws.

Grievances:

“Any grievance(s) not resolved by EDA may be forwarded to:

Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Office of Motor Vehicles

Attention: Training & Certification Unit

P.O. Box 64886

Baton Rouge, LA 70896-4886

www.ladrivingschools@dps.la.gov

Parental Responsibilities

As parents of an Excellent Drivers Academy, you have certain responsibilities.

- 1) Read and review course curriculum with your student.
- 2) After completion of the course and securing the learner’s permit, the parent must supervise the student’s driving for a minimum of 50 hours of which 15 must be night time practice. Please remember, high school students must have a copy of their **school’s Certificate of Enrollment on school letterhead** each time they go to the OMV for licenses, including obtaining their learners’ permit, intermediate license and full license.
- 3) OMV requires parents/legal guardians or adult students to show **original documentations Certified Birth Certificates, Social Security Cards**, etc. as proof of age and identification. Copies of these documents ***are not accepted*** by the OMV.

What is the purpose and benefits of the course?

Your student is entering into what is referred to as a **Graduated Licensing Program (GLP)**. The purpose is to advance a young driver with no driving experience to a fully licensed driver, while minimizing risk along the way. Florida was the first state to implement a Graduated Licensing Program in 1996, Louisiana followed in 1998. The National Safety Council reports that GLP’s have proven to be substantial in reducing car crashes among drivers in the 16-19 year old category. But this age group is still **four times** more likely to get in a crash than an older driver. That is why the instruction attained at Excellent Driver’s Academy is only the beginning. It is important for you as the parent of the young driver to continue their skills development. The better their skills are developed the less likely they will experience a crash after becoming a fully licensed driver. **You will be responsible for determining when your child is ready to advance to an intermediate license.**

Payment types accepted:

Cash, check or money order

I attest that I attended the Parent Meeting:

Student’s Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____