



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

Date: June 1, 2012
To: Parents or Guardians of Segment 1 Students
From: Driver Education Section
Driver Programs Division
Subject: Parent Driving Permit

During segment 1, a student who has completed a minimum 10 hours of classroom and 2 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction may be issued a temporary driver education certificate (Parent Driving Permit) furnished by the Secretary of State. The "pink" permit authorizes a student to drive a motor vehicle, other than a vehicle requiring a motorcycle or commercial motor vehicle endorsement, when accompanied by a licensed parent or guardian, or when accompanied by a non-licensed parent or guardian **and** a licensed adult for the purpose of receiving additional instruction until the end of the student's driver education course. See MCL 257.306 (4) for specific language.

The Secretary of State provides a template from which driving schools create the permits. Instructions have been given to the schools on how to utilize the permits:

1. The instructor should thoroughly review with the student AND PARENT(S) the information and restrictions on the permit. This permit **does not** offer the option of a parent designating another adult to give the driving time to the student.
2. The instructor should thoroughly convey to the student AND PARENT(S) the restrictions for using the permit. The parent should be informed of the progress their student has made up to the time of issuance of the permit, and where and when the student should get the additional driving time the permit allows. The purpose of the permit is to allow a reinforcement of the instruction the student has already received; the student should not be attempting a driving task that has not been previously introduced to them in driver education.
3. The instructor should inform the parent(s) that they may want to contact their insurance company to see if the student needs to be added to their policy prior to using the permit.

The permit is valid as long as the student is enrolled in a Segment 1 driver education course. When the student's segment 1 instruction is completed (classroom and behind-the-wheel) or the student drops out of the course, the Parent Driving Permit expires. Driver education is an "integrated and related" program, so behind-the-wheel instruction is designed to follow shortly after the classroom portion to reinforce the newly learned concepts. The parent driving permit will rarely have an expiration date more than three weeks after the ending date of the classroom phase as Michigan law requires the minimum hours of behind-the-wheel training to occur within three weeks of the classroom training.

Please be advised that not all driving schools make the permit available. It is optional.

**Michigan Department of State
Parent Driving Permit
Certificate of Approval**

This is to certify that

First Middle Last

Date of Birth _____ has completed
Month Day Year

10 hours of classroom instruction and 2 hours of behind-the-wheel training in an approved driver education course. The holder of this certificate is authorized to drive a motor vehicle on the public streets and highways ONLY when (1) accompanied by a licensed parent or guardian, or (2) accompanied by both a non-licensed parent or guardian and a licensed adult. This certificate was issued by:

Name of Provider City

Certification Expires: _____

NOT VALID WITHOUT SIGNATURES BELOW

The driver education provider listed on this certificate verifies that the student, pursuant to MCL 256.653, meets the physical and mental requirements for a motor vehicle operator's license under section 309 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.309.

Parent Signature

Driver Education Instructor Signature

Authorized School Official Signature

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