

What To Expect From Segment 1 Driver Education

Student Eligibility

- A student must have reached the age of 14 years and 8 months by the first day of Segment 1.
- Permission from a parent or legal guardian.



Classroom Requirements

- A minimum of 24 hours of instruction.
- A maximum of 2 hours of instruction per day.
- A maximum of 36 students per class (*no exception*).
- A student must pass the state-approved written test for consideration of a certificate of completion. The driver education program provider may have additional classroom requirements that must be met to award a certificate including: attendance, homework, and additional testing requirements. Passing the state test does not guarantee that a student has passed the classroom phase.

Driving Instruction Requirements

- A minimum of 4 hours of classroom instruction must be completed prior to beginning driving instruction.
- A minimum of 6 hours of on-the-road driving instruction. A student must receive at least 4 hours of on-the-road driving instruction.
- A maximum of 1 hour of driving instruction per day is allowed
- A student will not be given driving instruction individually unless there is written consent from a parent.
- A student must receive 4 hours or more of observation time in the training vehicle.

Classroom and driving instruction will be integrated and related, which means that the classroom and driving instruction must occur within relatively the same time period.

Earning a Segment 1 Certificate of Completion

For students to be issued a Segment 1 certificate of completion, they must **successfully** complete both the classroom AND driving instruction portions of the course. A student could pass the classroom portion, but fail driver education based on his driving skills and not receive a Segment 1 certificate of completion.

The driver education Segment 1 certificate of completion is not a permit to drive and cannot be treated as a driver license. After completing Segment 1, the student and parent must go to a Secretary of State branch office to apply for a Level 1 driver license.