



# NEEDHAM DRIVING SCHOOL

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## Parent Orientation

Thank you for choosing Needham Driving School as your partner in achieving the common goal of teaching your child to become a safe and responsible driver. You are here today to participate in the state-required parent orientation class. The main objective of this class is to explain and discuss the Junior Operator Law and your role in support of the law. In addition to the Junior Operator Law discussion, we will offer advice on teaching your teen to drive and how to go about the driver education process.

### 1) Junior Operator Law

- A. Review the requirements to obtain a Massachusetts Driver's Education Certificate and obtain a MA license for drivers under the age of 18.

### 2) Restrictions and Penalties specific to Junior Operators

- A. Passenger restriction
- B. Time restriction
- C. Cell phone restriction
- D. Penalties specific to Junior Operators

### 3A) Teaching your teenager to drive

- 1. Students should drive 5-10 hours at home before their first driving lesson
- 2. Needham Driving School recommends parents drive with their children 100 hours at home before getting their license
- 3. Practice the 3 road test maneuvers
- 4. Stop signs, blinkers and blindspots
- 5. Setting good examples

### 3B) Tips for teaching your teenager to drive

- 1. Do not lose your temper/yell
- 2. Provide positive feedback
- 3. Test their knowledge of street signs, pavement markings and changes in conditions ahead
- 4. Always end on a good note
- 5. Responsibility – Driving is a privilege, not a right!
- 6. In Control Driving Course

### 4) Open discussion for parents to address questions or concerns



# Student Checklist for Completion of Driver's Education

- Complete 30 hours of classroom instruction (If this has been completed at another school, a certificate of completion from the other school needs to be handed into Needham Driving School.)
- Completion of a Parent Orientation Class (Parents that have previously attended one of these classes for another child are exempt. A certificate of Parental Class completion needs to be obtained from the other driving school and handed in to Needham Driving School.)
- Obtain a MA Learner's Permit
- Complete 12 hours of behind the wheel instruction
- Complete 6 hours observation of behind the wheel instruction
- 40 hours of supervised driving with a parent/guardian (Parents will be required to sign off on the road test application that the hours were truly completed.)

\*There are several steps drivers under the age of eighteen must take in order to obtain a Massachusetts license. They must complete Driver's Education, be issued a Driver's Education Certificate, and hold a permit for six months with a clean driving record. Finally, they must pass a road test performed by a Massachusetts registry official.

Once a student has completed all of the above, please contact the office to schedule your road test at 781-453-2800 or [info@needhamdrivingschool.com](mailto:info@needhamdrivingschool.com)

## Parent's Notes



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# Junior Operator Law

Any motor vehicle operator or motorcyclist between the ages of 16 1/2 and 18 is considered a Junior Operator. The Junior Operator Law has several requirements and restrictions that significantly affect the operation of a motor vehicle by a person who has a Junior Operator's License (JOL). The basic purpose of the law is to provide new drivers with supervised opportunities in which they can develop good driving skills while simultaneously eliminating distractions that may be caused by friends under the age of eighteen.

## JOL Restrictions

### **\*1 - "Passenger Restriction"**

\*You may not operate a motor vehicle within the first six months after receiving your JOL while any person under age 18 is in the vehicle (other than you or an immediate family member), unless you are accompanied by a person who is at least 21 years old, has at least one year of driving experience, holds a valid driver's license from Massachusetts or another state, and is occupying a seat beside you.

### **\*2 - "Time Restriction"**

\*As the holder of a JOL, you may not operate a motor vehicle between 12:30am and 5:00am unless you are accompanied by one of your parents or your legal guardian.

### **\*3 - "Cell Phone Restriction"**

\*Drivers under the age of 18 are prohibited from cellphone use while driving a car.

## Classroom Topics

Module 1	"Introduction to Driver's Education"
Module 2	"Signs, Signals and Road Markings"
Module 3	"Understanding the Vehicle and Its Controls"
Module 4	"Basic Driving Skills"
Module 5	"Rules of the Road"
Module 6	"Making Safe Driving Decisions"
Module 7	"Sharing the Road"
Module 8	"How Natural Laws Affect Driving"
Module 9	"Different Driving Environments"
Module 10	"Driving in All Weather Conditions"
Module 11	"Mental and Physical Effects on Driving"
Module 12	"The Dangers of Alcohol, Drugs and Driving Part 1"
Module 13	"The Dangers of Alcohol, Drugs and Driving Part 2"
Module 14	"Consequences of Unsafe Driving and Poor Decision Making"
Module 15	"Handling Emergencies and Breakdowns" & Final Review

# JOL License and Permit Violations and Penalties

## LICENSE Violations

Violation	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
Passenger Restriction	60 day suspension \$100 reinstatement fee	180 day suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course \$100 reinstatement fee	1 year suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course Full Exam \$100 reinstatement fee
Time Restriction Violation 12:30am-5am	60 day suspension \$100 reinstatement fee	180 day suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course \$100 reinstatement fee	1 year suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course Full Exam \$100 reinstatement fee
Operating to Endanger/ Recklessly or Negligent	180 day suspension \$500 Reinstatement	1 year suspension Full exam \$500 reinstatement	1 year suspension Full exam \$500 Reinstatement
Drag-Racing	1 year suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course & SCARR* Full Exam \$500 reinstatement fee	3 year suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course & SCARR* Full Exam \$1000 reinstatement	3 year suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course & SCARR* Full Exam \$1000 reinstatement
Speeding	90 day suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course & SCARR* \$500 reinstatement fee Full Exam	1 year suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course & SCARR* \$500 reinstatement fee Full Exam	1 year suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course & SCARR* \$500 reinstatement fee Full Exam
Conviction for the use of a mobile electronic device (text or phone)	60 day suspension \$100 reinstatement fee Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course Full Exam	180 day suspension \$100 reinstatement fee	1 year suspension \$100 reinstatement fee
Negligent operation and in- jury from mobile phone use	180 day suspension \$500 reinstatement fee Full Exam	1 year suspension \$500 reinstatement fee Full Exam	1 year suspension \$500 reinstatement fee Full Exam

## PERMIT Violations

Violation	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
Unaccompanied by Licensed Driver	60 day suspension \$100 reinstatement fee Reapply for Permit	180 day suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course \$100 reinstatement fee Reapply for Permit	1 year suspension \$100 reinstatement fee Reapply for Permit
Drag-Racing	1 year suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course & SCARR* Reapply for Permit \$500 reinstatement fee	3 year suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course & SCARR* Reapply for Permit \$1000 reinstatement fee	3 year suspension Driver Attitudinal Retraining Course & SCARR* Reapply for Permit \$1000 reinstatement fee
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Negligent operation and injury from mobile phone use	180 day suspension \$500 reinstatement fee	1 year suspension \$500 reinstatement fee Reapply for Permit	1 year suspension \$500 reinstatement fee Reapply for Permit