

Driving School Parent,

As I'm sure you know teaching your daughter or son to be a life long safe member of the driving community is extremely important. We are honored that you chose **Certified Driving School** as your partner to accomplish this ultra important task!

Knowing this may be your first time to work with a newbie driver, we wanted to make sure you were aware of your role and then to give you some tools to better help you with your part.

We teach the basics in the classroom and then drive with your child for 6 hours to instill these in your son or daughter's skill set. Afterwards you are required by Oklahoma law to drive 50 hours with them to reinforce these skills. Forty hours should be driven in daytime hours and 10 hours at night. Nights lit up with a big, bright full moon are an excellent time to do this.

Please use the **Road Ready App** on your child's phone to record this activity as it will be required when it's time to road test.

If you are wondering how much your child retained from our theory class and driving before you begin driving with them, have them take the online test at

<https://www.shorturl.at/krsPR>

Next it would be helpful to download this link and get a brief overview of how to be a "Driving Mentor" to you child. This is very well done and can help you both when driving together.

Just double click on the icon to open it.



A_Guide_for_Mentors.pdf

This resource below provided by **Toyota** is especially good. Highlight the words *“Notes for Parents”, “Skills”, “Beyond the Basics” and “Resources”* on the black line at the top for some amazing tips and ideas. It also contains information about the **Road Ready App.**

<https://www.edrivermanuals.com/oklahoma/>

No doubt you will hear your student driver use the acronym **S.M.O.G.** when driving. **THIS IS A COLLISION ELIMINATING LIFE SAVING TECHNIQUE** that drivers use when backing, turning, parking, lane changing and passing. Here is a one minute video describing how to use it. I highly recommend you continue to use this when helping you child learn to drive better.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8oqYSDu0vk>

Here are some amazing tiny videos to help you with your son or daughter! No one really seems to know what to practice or

where to go to help. This is a wealth of information on that subject.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPGevUmqpEaeYoXhkN4OL9g>

Lastly I'm going to have you think about this. Did you know that the skill of driving is virtually the only skill set that is never revisited for continuing education? Most everyone revisits and upgrades their skills at work and even in their fun activities like golfing, dancing etc BUT almost no one EVER goes back to upgrade their driving skills. Seemingly what you get at age 16 is meant to last a lifetime but we all know that can't be true because we have all seen what happens to older drivers as they age.

A final thought: If you feel like like your automobile insurance costs too much and I can promise you it does, consider taking a **Defensive Driver Course** with us every 4 years and this will be your reward:

1. Reduction of 2 points on your driving record
2. Fresh perspective on driving that could help guard against accidents at least and at most save your life.
3. Receive a major discount on your automobile insurance--all brands

I promise it will be the best **\$50.00** you've spent in along time!

Regards,

Larry Swindell

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