

## **Welcome to the site of Mr. Mike Folis, Driver Training Facilitator and Traffic Safety Education Coordinator.**

Here at Hamilton West we have a comprehensive Driver's Education Program. It starts with successfully completing 30 hours of classroom driver education theory. Each student receives a NJ Driver's Manual. At the end of the course they must take and successfully pass the New Jersey State Written Driver Examination. The initial exam is given annually the first week of November. Now you are ready for classroom simulator.

Simulator is a comprehensive, non-threatening off road virtual driving experience that prepares you for actual driving. You must complete 12 hours, which is equivalent to 3 hours of Behind-the-Wheel according to national standards, and score an 80% or higher to complete the course.. Once you have accomplished that, at age 16 your permit is obtained and you will be scheduled for Behind-the-Wheel.

Behind-the Wheel involves 3 hours of on the road driving instruction with a certified teacher in a new dual-controlled motor vehicle. It involves interior review, external review, identify instrument panel, driving in light traffic, moderate traffic, single lane, dual lanes, parallel parking, u-turn, k-turn, city driving, rural driving, highway driving, identifying traffic signs, use of mirrors, defensive driving and much more.

You will then learn how to build confidence in controlling a motor vehicle through various environments and conditions. At the end of your unit, you will be given your permit so you can start practice driving with your parents after you validate it at the DMV. You will also receive a certificate which will allow you to receive a discount on your insurance premium. Parent are reminded to monitor their teen's driving patterns and that they abide by the GDL rules.

To my future and present teen drivers here at HHW:

Driving a motor vehicle is a huge responsibility that you must take seriously. You must make sure that your vehicle is always safely maintained and that you deliver your passengers to their destination safely. You must obey all the rules and regulations because your family and friends are counting on you to be a safe driver. Good luck to you!!!

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# Simulator Program

## SIMULATOR PROGRAM ROOM 231

Driving simulation can:

- assist students in developing perceptual skills by providing experiences through which the student will learn to negotiate traffic situations safely.
- assist students in developing good driving attitudes by demonstrating safe, courteous driving practices.
- teaches the student to respond in an appropriate manner to the traffic situation at hand.
- assist the student in learning the techniques of many driving skills, i.e. turning, braking, parking.
- provide the student with information as to when they are making improper decisions and how to resolve them.

## SIMULATOR DVD TITLES

**1. STARTING RIGHT**

**2. INS AND OUTS OF TURNS**

**3. SEPARATE AND STABILIZE**

**4. SEARCH, IDENTIFY, ANTICIPATE**

**5. DETECTING CRITICAL INFORMATION**

**6. RURAL ROADWAYS**

**7. INTERSECTIONS**

**8. HANDLING WEATHER CONDITIONS**

**9. LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS**

**10. TURNABOUTS & PARKING**

**11. DESTINATION DRIVING**

**12. CRASH AVOIDANCE II**

**13. RISK ASSESSMENT**

**14. DECIDE AND ACT**

**15. HIGH RISK SITUATIONS**

**Each student is required to maintain a Driver's Journal for daily class use. At the end of each DVD we will debrief and each student will write in their journal up to five things they learned from today's DVD.**

**Each student should be present daily as attendance is enforced. Please be on time daily. No cell phones, ipods, policy enforced.**

# Permit Application Instructions

## PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. A permit application can be picked up in Driver Ed/Simulator Room 231. The application must be NEATLY completed and legible. If I can't read it then you must complete another card. If you wear "glasses" or "contacts" or both please check the "yes" box (question #2 on back) and state that on line provided as per instructions. Each application requires a parent signature and license number. Permit fee is \$10.

2. For identification please bring a copy of your civil birth certificate. Additional identification may be required if born outside the U.S. such as a passport (current or expired less than 3 years) **or** a resident alien card or a certificate of citizenship. Copy on 8.5 x 11 paper. Do not trim copy. **ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH.**

3. Also a copy of your signed social security card. Copy on 8.5 x 11 paper or combine with above document on same sheet, front or back.. Do not trim copy. All copies are returned after use.

4. A \$10.00 BILL (no singles or fives)

Failure to follow instructions will delay processing.

**PLEASE BE PATIENT!**

# Behind-The-Wheel Program

## BEHIND THE WHEEL INSTRUCTION

**Simulator units are 15 full school days. BTW units are 5 full school days or 2 one and a half hour classes after school or in the Summer. Students are assigned by age and availability. If someone younger is scheduled ahead of you, it is due to the fact that their assigned period is different than yours. Please make the effort to be present daily. Credit is only obtained when the required hours are completed. The BTW and SIM lists are displayed on the bulletin board outside of room 231. They are posted before the start of the new unit. If your schedule has been changed, you must report it to Mr. Folis to avoid being skipped over. If you have any questions about Simulator or BTW please feel free to stop in or email me. mfolis@hamilton.k12.nj.us**

## BEHIND-THE-WHEEL INSTRUCTION

### Applying acquired knowledge and skills to the car.

1. Introduce Basics/Right and Left Turns (residential area)
2. Review Turns and Introduce Light Traffic Situations
3. Township/City Traffic Situations
4. Rural Driving
5. Multiple Access Highways
6. Limited Access Highways
7. Roundabouts
8. Intricate Maneuvers and Parallel Parking
9. Review Rural/Highway Driving and handout Evaluation and Reduce the Risk Contract
10. Collect signed Evaluation/Reduce the Risk Contract. Review Township/City Driving and issue Permit/Insurance card.

## Important Road Test Information

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#### WHAT TO BRING TO A ROAD TEST

**Please bring the same identification you used to obtain a permit.**

**Please bring a valid examination permit**

**An accompanying licensed driver**

**License plate decals. RED, reflective decals must be on both plates for vehicle used for road test of permit drivers under age 21 (effective May 1, 2010)**

**A registered vehicle with current inspection sticker and insurance card. Vehicle cannot have a center console unless the emergency brake is accessible from the passenger seat. Examiner must be able to reach either the foot brake or parking brake.**

**Rental cars are only acceptable if the driver taking the test is included on the rental contract as an additional driver and is of contract age.**

**Rental of a driving school auto is permitted.**

**6 Point ID and address verification.**

**No practice on course at any time!**

**No open toe shoes! No slippers! No clogs!**

# The Facts: New Jersey Teen Driving

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### The Facts About the Numbers

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for young people between 16 and 20 years of age in New Jersey and across the nation.
- In 2012 in New Jersey, 55 teens drivers were involved in fatal crashes that claimed the lives of 58 people. Of those 58 deaths, 20 were teen drivers, 10 were teen passengers, 2 were children, and the remaining 18 were adults. Teens don't just injure or kill themselves or their friends behind the wheel, but other roadway users.
- Every ten minutes a teen crashes in New Jersey. In 2011, there were approximately 38,000 crashes involving teen drivers between 16 and 20 years of age. This number has been dropping steadily over the past decade thanks to NJ's GDL program.
- Teens represent the largest contingent of New Jersey drivers involved in crashes. They account for only six percent of the licensed drivers in the state and are involved in 13 percent of the crashes.
- Seat belt use among teens is the LOWEST for any age group.

- More male drivers than female drivers are involved in teen crashes. Male teen drivers also more likely to speed and to do so at night and with multiple passengers in the vehicles. Female teen drivers are more likely to talk on their cell phones and text while driving.
- The greatest number of teen crashes in New Jersey occur in June than any other month (followed by May and July) and on a Friday than any other day of the week.
- The most dangerous time on the road for New Jersey teen drivers is between 3 and 6 p.m. followed by noon to 3 p.m. But 40 percent of their fatal teen crashes occur after 9 p.m.

## Teen/Parent Web Resources

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#### **New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission**

[www.state.nj.us/mvc](http://www.state.nj.us/mvc)

**Parent guide, driving manual.**

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#### **New Jersey Brain Injury Association**

[www.bianj.org](http://www.bianj.org)

**Programs, resources, and tools supporting**



**teens:** [www.ugotbrains.com](http://www.ugotbrains.com)

**parents:** [www.njteendriving.com](http://www.njteendriving.com)

**educators:** [www.njdrivereducation.com](http://www.njdrivereducation.com)

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[www.teendriversource.org](http://www.teendriversource.org)

[www.statefarm.com/teendriving](http://www.statefarm.com/teendriving)

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**American Automobile Association (AAA)**

[www.aaapublicaffairs.com](http://www.aaapublicaffairs.com)

**New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety**

[www.njsaferoads.com](http://www.njsaferoads.com)

## **PARENTING TIPS TO KEEP TEEN DRIVERS SAFE**

According to recent research of teen views on driving, teens who say their parents set rules and pay attention to their activities in a helpful supportive way are half as likely to be in a crash. This balance approach to parenting is called authoritative parenting. Here are some tips to develop this approach.

1. **Set clear rules, boundaries, and expectations.** Rather than stating "You'll do as I say," explain your reasoning.
2. **It's about safety, not control.** Make sure they understand rules are in place for their safety, not to control them. As their skills develop and they become more responsible, introduce new privileges.
3. **Be responsive.** Listen to their concerns and, when appropriate, modify expectations to fit circumstances.

4. **Recognize their need to become independent.** Reward responsible behavior with greater privileges.

5. **Let them know you can be counted on for help and support.** How a parent shows support may be different from family to family, but it's important teens know you can be relied on. One way is to be the scapegoat to help them save face with friends.

- make sure your teens' friends know your tough rules. (No way! My dad would kill me if I did that")
- Create a code word. Help teens get out of unsafe situations by calling or texting you with a previously agreed-upon code word that signals trouble. When you hear or see the word, pick them up right away.

6. **Pay attention.** To help teens make good safety decisions, keep the lines of communication open. Know where they are going and why, and discuss how they will get there and when they will be home. Provide alternatives to allow them to avoid unsafe driving situations.

7. **Lead by example.** Follow the rules of the road. Always wear a seat belt. Don't talk on a cell phone while driving. Don't speed.

## Share the Keys: NJ Parent/Teen Safe Driving Orientation

### NEW JERSEY PARENT/TEEN SAFE DRIVING ORIENTATION

#### SHARE *the* KEYS

Click here for more information:

[www.njteendriving.com/share-the-keys](http://www.njteendriving.com/share-the-keys)

After viewing Share the Keys

email me and let me know if you

would be interested or have questions. Thanks!

