

## The Road to a Driver's License

### Step 1 Classroom Training

Our Driver Education classroom training runs for two weeks, Monday through Friday for three hours per day and costs \$162. Upon successful completion of the classroom session, the student will receive a blue card.

### Step 2 Knowledge Test

At 15 years of age or older, the student can take their blue card to a Minnesota driver's license exam station and take the permit/knowledge test. In addition to the blue card, they will need two forms of ID from the list in the driver's manual, their social security number, payment in cash or check and a parent/guardian. No appointment is required.

### Step 3 Behind the Wheel

Once they pass the knowledge test, the student will receive an instruction permit and can then enroll in Behind the Wheel for \$242. This places them on our Behind the Wheel list and when their name comes up, an instructor will call to schedule driving appointments for the six hours of required training. A student cannot take the driving road test until **age 16 and at least six months after receiving their permit**, so this is a great time to log those 40-50 hours of required practice driving while you wait to be next for Behind the Wheel. Once the student completes Behind the Wheel, they receive a white card.

### Step 4 Parent Awareness Presentation

If a parent/guardian attends this educational event, the student is only required to log 40 hours of practice driving instead of 50 hours. We offer this presentation once during every classroom session. The parent will receive a certificate, which must be presented along with the driving log at the road test.

### Step 5 Driving Road Test

Students who are age 16+, have completed Classroom and Behind the Wheel training, and logged 40-50 hours of practice driving can take the road test at a Minnesota driver's license exam station. An appointment is required. You can make an online appointment up to two months in advance or call the exam station to schedule by phone. Take the white card, signed driving log, Parent Awareness certificate, driver's permit, payment in cash or check and parent/guardian. You will need a working vehicle with current registration and proof of insurance. Once the student passes the test and receives their license, they can drive alone or with one non-family member under 21 for the first six months. For the second six months, they can drive with up to three non-family members under 21. After one year there are no passenger restrictions.

**Congratulations, you now have a licensed driver!**

Register online at [northfieldschools.org](http://northfieldschools.org)  
(Community Services link) by phone at 507-664-3649  
or at the NCRC, 1651 Jefferson Pkwy, Northfield.