DPS MOCK DRIVING TEST

The Texas Driving School DPS-approved driving test follows the same grading procedures as applied on the DPS Driver License Office road exam. The test takes about 20 minutes and the goal is to determine your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle and obey traffic laws.

You will be graded on your ability to demonstrate the following maneuvers:

- Backing the vehicle in a straight line
- Parallel parking between cones or stanchions
- Controlling the vehicle and maintaining a safe vehicle positions
- Approaching and stopping at intersections
- Making left and right turns
- Observing traffic signs, signals and street markings
- Using turn signals
- Complying with right-of-way procedures

Helpful Tips for a Successful Test

Please follow these driving tips to ensure a successful driving test.

- Keep both hands on the steering wheel at all times and do NOT palm the wheel to turn.
- Steer, accelerate and stop smoothly throughout the test. Avoid rough maneuvering or jerky-stops.
- Position safely in your lane at all times and use the correct lane when turning.
- When turning left, avoid cutting the corner and running over the center or yellow lines on the street you are turning onto. With right turns, avoid turning too wide and swinging out into the approaching traffic's lane.
- Be aware of where you must stop at an intersection. Stop completely behind crosswalks or stop lines. Do NOT roll through STOP signs or red lights.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Continuously check your mirrors, look both ways at intersections, and check your blind spots before changing lanes or merging.
- Always obey posted speed limits and reduce speed if conditions warrant.
- Signal when turning, when changing lanes or any time you think it is appropriate to signal. Also signal when you are parallel parking; both entering and leaving the space.

Disqualification or Failing the Driving Test

If at any time a **dangerous or illegal maneuver** is performed, the driving test will be immediately stopped and will result in an automatic failure or disqualification.

Dangerous or illegal acts include: Running one or more tires onto or over a curb, driving on the wrong side of the road for no reason, hitting the parallel parking poles hard enough to damage a car, running or rolling through a STOP sign, running a red light, or driving over the speed limit. Disqualification will also occur if the examiner has to take control of the car or use the instructor brake during the test to avoid a collision.

A test failure will also occur if the driver had **too many point deductions** (losing more than 30 points). The minimum score to pass the driving test is a 70.

After the Driving Test

You will be informed if you passed or failed the test and you will receive detailed feedback on the areas where you did well and areas where you need to improve. If a retest is necessary, it can be discussed and scheduled at that time.