FAQ's for Driver Education

Often when entering the Driver Education Class students and parents have questions about the process and what is expected of them.. These questions only pertain to the laws of the **New Jersey** Roadways and GDL Process. Answers to these questions can vary from state to state.

Q: How old do you have to be in order to obtain your permit?

A: In the State of New Jersey, you must be at least 16 years of age to obtain a Learners Permit.

Q: What is GDL and who does it apply to?

A: The GDL stands for the Graduated Drivers License Program. This is a program for students ages 16-20 and is a REQUIREMENT when obtaining your permit. Anyone ages 16-20 who possess an NJ Driver Permit or Probationary License must adhere to this law and must display two removable red decals on their license plate (located on the top left corner of both the front and rear license plate). Please see your Rev. 2017 Driver manual pages 16-21 for detailed information.

Q: Is there a cost for the Red Decal?

A: Yes. The decal cost $4 per pair.

Q: Where can I obtain my permit?

A:

1. After you pass your written test and receive a blue card, you can show this card to the DMV to obtain a learner's permit. In New Jersey, state law requires accompaniment by a licensed driving school. After a short vision test, you will receive your learner's permit!
2. Complete six hours behind the wheel with a licensed instructor. At age 17, you may take your driving test.

Q: What do I need to score to pass the Learner's Permit Exam?

A: You must score an 80% or higher on the state exam (80% is answering 40 out of 50 questions correctly).

Q: What happens if I fail the Learner's Permit Exam?

A: If you do not pass with an 80% or higher, the NJDMV considers the test to be a "failure". If you do not receive an 80% or higher after taking the Learner's Permit Exam at MTHS, you can take one "retake" with our school. A retake will be offered after a minimum two week wait from the initial exam date (make up times and dates are not guaranteed and left to the discretion of the Dept. Coordinator).

If you do not pass than you must register with a Driver School (check the internet for various schools available in our area) and register to take the test again with at your local DMV.

Q: What happens when I pass my permit test?

A: Your instructor, whether that is your teacher or a driving school instructor, will provide you with a blue card. After you have received your permit, the rest depends on your age.

- *The Early Bird Road:* Must be at least 16 years old *(see page 17 in your Rev. 2020 Manual)*
- *The Young Adult Road:* Must be at least 17 years old *(see page 18 in your Rev. 2020 Manual)*
- *The Adult Road:* Must be at least 21 years old *(see page 19 in your Rev. 2020 Manual)*

Q: Who will assign my blue card?

A: If you took the test and passed it in your Driver Education class - your teacher will provide the card. If you took it to the DMV through an approved driving school - your driving instructor will provide it.

Q: What happens if I lose my blue card?

A: You may get a duplicate card through the MTHS HPE department issued by the instructor of the original blue card.
