



Top Driver announces the IL Secretary of State Cooperative Road Test Program

What is the Cooperative Road Test Program?

- The Illinois Secretary of State recently approved a pilot program whereby certified private driving schools and trained/tenured instructors are allowed to conduct the “Road Test”- one of the final requirements of a teen obtaining their driver’s license. Normally this test is held at the DMV facilities.

Why Should I Test with TOP DRIVER?

- Reservation Process: No waiting in long lines hoping to get a spot in a road test at the DMV.
- Convenience: Road tests are conducted at various TOP DRIVER classroom locations, which are generally much closer than the nearest Secretary of State DMV facility.
- Familiarity: TOP DRIVER students will be familiar with our fleet of late-model Nissan Sentras and will be comfortable testing in them
- Safety: Testing in a TOP DRIVER vehicle means there is an instructor brake in the event of an emergency

Who is eligible?

- **Students aged 17 and under who have completed a Driver Education program with at least a B (80%) on the classroom final exam**
 - Teens who did not complete their program with TOP DRIVER are required to provide final exam verification before enrollment
- Students who have completed all required behind the wheel instruction hours and passed the school’s on-road evaluation
- Teens must hold a valid instruction permit

What is the TOP DRIVER testing process?

- **Call Customer Service at 800-374-8373** to enroll and reserve your appointment for a Road Test
 - Scheduling a Road Test is **only available by phone**. No online signup at this time.
 - Students should allow one hour for the Road Test. The fee is \$75 and will be paid via credit card upon enrollment with Customer Service.
- Students must bring their Instruction Permit and a face covering to their appointment time
 - A series of COVID screening questions will be asked before the appointment begins. Please check our website to ensure eligibility to be in-car with our instructors.
- The student will drive a prescribed route with the instructor, who will be scoring the test
- Upon return to the TOP DRIVER classroom the instructor will review the Score Sheet with the parent and student
 - If the student *does not pass*, they may only test again at a Secretary of State facility
 - If successful and eligible for licensure, the student may bring their signed Score Sheet and other documentation to a Secretary of State facility to have the license printed.
 - **PLEASE NOTE: All** Illinois Driver’s License applicants are *subject to random facility Road Tests* even with successful Cooperative Road Test completion. These are random spot checks and pre-determined by ILSOS.