

SDE/DPS 3RD PARTY TESTING SKILLS CHECKLIST

Name of Student _____

Date of Birth _____ Learner's License Number _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____ Instructor's Signature _____ Date _____

START (Check each category one time) PASS

	PASS	FAIL
Locating Controls	____ Driver checks controls and adjusts if necessary before putting car in motion	____ Driver is unsure of how to put car in motion and/or cannot put the car in motion
Traffic Observation	____ Driver checks for other traffic and pedestrians-front & rear, checks mirrors & blind spot	____ Driver does not check traffic at all before pulling into traffic and causes an accident or near accident.
Motor Operation	____ Starts engine easily, accelerates smoothly	____ Driver races or kills engine, accelerates quickly, goes too fast or too slow

STOP (Check each category one time)

Traffic Observation	____ Driver checks mirrors before and after applying brakes	____ Driver does not check mirrors and/or causes an accident or near accident by braking too quickly
Distance	____ Driver brings vehicle to smooth stop within a reasonable distance with even pressure on the brakes	____ Driver pumps brakes and/or is unable to stop car smoothly and within a reasonable distance
Lane	____ Driver stays in proper lane and maintains control of the vehicle.	____ Driver swerves, vehicle is not under control and/or hits the curb or turns sideways

BACKING (Check each category one time)

Traffic Observation	____ Looks over right shoulder (or uses mirrors on trucks). Keeps looking back until stopped.	____ Fails to look back at all or at least the last 20 feet.
Speed	____ Uses smooth acceleration, goes a speed of about 10 mph or less.	____ Loses control, goes at a dangerous speed. Can't control speed-bad fluctuation of speed.
Lane	____ Moves in straight line within the lane (two attempts allowed)	____ Swerves excessively, hits curb, turn sideways in street, leaves lane completely.

STOPPING ON A HILL (UPGRADE) (Check each category one time)

Wheel Turn	____ Driver turns wheel in proper direction	____ Turns wheel in wrong direction—doesn't fall on this alone
Placement	____ Driver places vehicle parallel and near the curb or edge of the road	____ Driver runs vehicle over the curb, panics or loses control (two attempts allowed)
Parking Brake	____ Driver applies parking brake to secure car on hill	____ Driver does not set parking brake.

STARTING ON A HILL (UPGRADE) (Check each category one time)

Traffic Observation	____ Driver checks traffic front and rear with mirrors and does blind spot check	____ Driver fails to look and causes a collision, or near collision.
Brake Control	____ Releases parking brake before moving into traffic	____ Cannot release parking brake, car rolls back several feet.
Motor Operation	____ Driver moves into traffic smoothly	____ Driver accelerates quickly and commits a dangerous action or cannot get vehicle into motion.

TURNABOUT (Check each category one time)

Traffic Observation	____ Driver looks in all directions before starting the turnabout	____ Driver fails to check traffic, causes a collision or near collision
Maneuvering	____ Driver turns steering wheel in correct directions to back turnabout	____ Driver runs over curb, loses control, cannot make maneuver
Positioning	____ Driver position vehicle correctly from side to side	____ Driver cannot position car correctly to complete maneuver

POSTURE (Check category one time)

Posture	____ Driver sits squarely behind the wheel with both hands on the wheel and can reach all controls	____ Driver cannot control the vehicle, can't see out very well because of posture.
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FOLLOWING (Check category one time)

Following	____ Driver observes 2-second rules and is aware that weather & traffic conditions affect following distance	____ Driver follows too closely, has a collision or near collision
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RIGHT OF WAY (Check each category one time)

Yielding	____ Driver shares right-of-way, understands when to yield and not to yield	____ Driver takes right-of-way incorrectly, disregards rules, has a collision or near collision, doesn't know they have the right-of-way
Taking	____ Driver takes right-of-way without holding up traffic	____ Driver is aggressive, forces others to yield, holds up traffic, has a collision or near collision

OTHER SIGNS (Check each category one time)

Action	____ Driver responds correctly to signs	____ Driver ignores the sign, speeds or otherwise breaks the law
Observation	____ Driver observes traffic signs	____ Driver fails to obey traffic signs, has a collision or near collision

KEEPING IN LANE (Check one time, going straight ahead)

Keeping in lane	____ Driver uses proper lane, stays in lane without excessive weaving	____ Driver straddles center line, drives in wrong lane, changes lanes causing a dangerous action
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ATTENTION (Check category one time)

Attention	____ Driver is attentive as all times to other traffic	____ Driver is constantly distracted to the point of a collision or almost collision
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STOP SIGNS (Check each category two times)

Braking	____ Driver comes to a smooth stop with a small amount of jerking or pumping of the brakes	____ Driver does not make a complete stop
Placement	____ Driver stops behind the crosswalk or behind the stop sign	____ Driver enters crosswalk before stopping, endangers others, has collision or near collision

TRAFFIC LIGHTS (Check each category two times-score only red lights)

Braking	____ Driver approaches at reasonable speed and brakes to a smooth stop without excessive jerking or pumping of brakes	____ Driver runs lights, turns right on red without stopping, causes a dangerous action, collision or near collision
Placement	____ Driver stops behind the crosswalk	____ Driver goes beyond the crosswalk, gives impression that they may run the light, endangers others

RIGHT TURNS (Check each category three times)

Signal	____ Driver signals in advance of the turn	____ Driver fails to signal or gives wrong signal, causes a collision or near collision
Lane	____ Driver moves in correct position prior to making the turn	____ Driver turns from the wrong lane or too far to the left that others can pass on right
Speed	____ Driver turns at a controlled speed, not too fast or too slow as to affect traffic	____ Driver goes into turn too fast, swings out very wide or too slow and hinders other traffic
Turn	____ Driver turns into correct lane, without crossing a lane of traffic	____ Driver cuts corner, runs over curb, interferes with other traffic

LEFT TURNS (Check each category three times)

Signal	____ Driver signals in advance of the turn	____ Driver fails to signal or gives wrong signal, causes a collision or near collision
Lane	____ Driver moves near center line prior to the turn or gets into turning lane correctly	____ Driver turns from the right lane, leaves room for other vehicles to pass on left
Speed	____ Driver turns at a controlled speed, not too fast or too slow as to affect traffic	____ Driver goes into turn too fast, swings out very wide
Turn	____ Driver turns left of center point into proper lane	____ Driver cuts across lane to the extent it interferes with vehicles turning right or turns into wrong lane
Waiting	____ If oncoming traffic, driver waits at center of intersection or at crosswalk, misses light only once	____ Driver holds up traffic, misses light two or more times

NOTE: ANY check in the failure column means the student is not eligible to receive the SDE certificate
NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE KEPT ON FILE FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS.