

Pedal to the metal

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getting your driver's license is a big deal

Finally being legally allowed to get behind the wheel instead of sitting in the "shotgun," is one of the biggest things about high school. The requirements for getting your license vary depending on what state you live in. In Ohio a temporary license can be acquired at age 15 and a half.

In order to acquire a temporary license one must pass an eye exam, take a multiple choice test on computer and fill out a few papers. Most of the questions on the test are based off of a booklet about Ohio driving laws that can be picked up at the DMV.

With a temporary license you are permitted to drive but only with a parent or an adult over the age of 21 in the passenger's seat. You must



drive 50 hours with a parent or adult, attend 24 hours of class instruction and 8 hours of in-car instruction.

There are a number of driving schools in the area that are dependable for driving lessons. But two schools in particular Jeff's driving school and AAAA Driving school offered discounts to students every year. Discounts usually averaged around \$200 off of the \$500 expense.

Minors must keep their temporary license for at least six months and complete all lessons before having the option to take their test. If 18-years-old, you are not required to take instruction, though it is recommended. In order to take the test simply call the DMV.

TO SPEED OR NOT TO SPEED, THAT IS THE QUESTION



IMAGINE DRIVING along a road and suddenly overcome by nausea, speed to the nearest gas station. While en route to "up chuck", a policemen catches you speeding and proceeds to follow the car all the way to the gas station. He then waits there until the nausea subsides and generously rewards you with a lovely speeding ticket. Then proceeds to follow the car home to make sure everything is alright. This was the case for **Katy Gordon, 12** who was only going between 5 or 7 miles over the speed limit. The ticket she received required her to appear in traffic court where they fined her. So the lesson here is speeding does not pay under any circumstances; it takes away more of your hard earned money.

