

DOES YOUR PARENT MAKE THE GRADE?

SAFE DRIVING REPORT CARD



The purpose of the Safe Driving Report Card for Parents is to identify areas of encouragement or driver improvement for parent-drivers. As a teen, you play an important role in your parent’s prioritization of safe driving habits. Often, parents forget that they are the number one role-model for safe driving behavior with their teen! Help remind them how important it is that they always model responsible and courteously driving.

Be sure to let them know that you will be monitoring and evaluating their driving behavior.

The following rubric will be used to judge your parent’s driving performance:

1 / SHOWS DRIVER-VEHICLE READINESS (PRE-DRIVING SAFETY EVALUATION)

- ▶ Parent applied safety belt and ensures all passengers are buckled.
- ▶ Parent applied headlights (if driving at nighttime)
- ▶ Showed correct seating position
- ▶ Showed correct mirror position and use of steering wheel
- ▶ Set GPS or Map prior to driving
- ▶ Set music playlist or ensured media was set prior to driving

2 / EXHIBITS SAFETY & COURTESY WHILE DRIVING

- ▶ Utilized appropriate turn signals when switching lanes
- ▶ Utilized appropriate turn signals when making turns
- ▶ Performed a full and complete stop at all stop signs.
- ▶ Looked both ways to scan for road hazards before proceeding through a intersection (once the light turns green)
- ▶ Maintained appropriate speed as advised by posted speed limits
- ▶ Parent yielded the right-of-way to all bicyclists and pedestrians
- ▶ Makes smooth and effective starts and stops, used controlled braking.
- ▶ Ensured appropriate spacing between vehicles at all times while driving
- ▶ Goes the entire trip without using or manipulating a cell phone.
- ▶ Was courteous, and allowed other vehicles to merge when needed.
- ▶ Abides by all yield signs when merging into traffic

3 / AUTOMATIC POINT DEDUCTION AREAS

- ▶ Made a left turn on red.
- ▶ Made a U-turn in a “No U-turn” zone
- ▶ Exceeded posted speed limit by 10 mph
- ▶ Answered a call or sent a text while driving.
- ▶ Took hands off the wheel to get something in back seat or purse.
- ▶ Performed any grooming tasks (apply makeup, comb beard, etc.)
- ▶ Tailgated the car in front of them
- ▶ Getting angry or exhibiting road rage (yelling, hand gestures, rage-honking)
- ▶ Harsh or sudden braking – anything that causes passengers to abruptly stop
- ▶ Any usage of a phone while travelling through a School Zone or Work Zone
- ▶ Failed to “move over” a lane or reduce speed for stopped emergency vehicles, work crews, or law enforcement.

GRADING SCORES

EXEMPLARY

No Boxes in Section 3 Checked
 Driving performance was safe and courteous. Your parent-driver followed all traffic laws, and speeds, and did not use or engage with their phone while driving. Parents in this category will have exhibited safe driving tendencies for the entire duration of the trip.

NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

Any Boxes in Section 3 Checked
 Driving performance in that area was below desired safety standards. Your parent-driver followed some traffic laws, but perhaps they were not mindful of their speed, used their cell phones while driving, or didn’t buckle up. More attention to safety should be given.

Recommended Areas For Improvement:

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