



Driver's Education Learning Targets

1	Understands operating a motor vehicle is a serious responsibility; can provide examples illustrating the importance of courtesy; and the literal translation of everyday driving laws.
2	Describes the roles and the importance of vision and hearing in driving.
3	Describes other physical conditions that can affect one's ability to operate a motor vehicle, including fatigue, illness, muscular condition, and physical disabilities.
4	Explains the attitudes essential to good driving, including readiness, motivation, and the establishment and maintenance of good, consistent driving habits.
5	Lists undesirable attitudes in a driver.
6	Understands the effects of alcohol and other controlled substances on driving performance, and consequences of citations
7	Explains the physical laws that effect driving; including gravity, inertia, energy, friction, centrifugal and centripetal force.
8	Establishes the practical application of physical laws to the operation of a motor vehicle.
9	Explains the meaning and purpose of traffic control signals, including traffic lights, arrows, flashing signals and lane signals..
10	Efficiently identifies and translates colors, shapes and pictorial messages
11	Correctly identifies pavement and curb markings.
12	Describes proper procedures when rail crossing, and approaching a stopped school bus.
13	Understands the proper procedure involved with intersection safety (scanning for traffic controls, prohibitive signs, and potential hazards, and entering controlled intersections).
14	Explains defensive driving techniques.
15	Identify changes in the environment that affect visibility and traction and demonstrate an understanding of appropriate driver reaction to these risks.
16	Understands CA vehicle code and rules of the road, including right of way, adherence to speed limits, tailgating, unsafe lane changes, and stopping on red.
17	Describes the procedures when involved in an accident, including aiding injured, preventing further damage, reporting requirements, and exchanging information.
18	Identify and describe the legal aspects and the financial responsibilities associated with purchasing, operating, maintaining, and insuring a motor vehicle.
19	Understand the procedures for proper vehicle maintenance; including checking fluid levels, filters, tire pressure and condition
20	Identify main considerations when purchasing a car; price (including any needed repairs), condition, safety, mileage, warranty.

Completing these learning targets is worth 2.5 credits.

For an additional 2.5 credits, student should then complete 69 hours of driving practice with a responsible, licensed adult, and 6 hours of "Behind the Wheel" training with a professional driving instructor.

Source:

California Department of Motor Vehicles: Driver Education Lesson Plan; Course Core Topics and Requirements for State of California

