

Getting your license. What do you do?

Applying for Your Driver's License



The Secretary of State must have received notification of your driver education completion and the notation must appear on your driving record before a driver's license is issued.

Upon successful completion of New Trier's Driver Education course (Theory AND Lab), the Secretary of State's Office will receive notification from the Driver Education Department at New Trier and the status of your licensing eligibility will be updated in the Illinois Board of Education and State of Illinois's database.

To check the status of your permit, follow this link:



If you receive your driver's license prior to the expiration of your instruction permit, you may not be required to pay an additional fee when applying for your driver's license.



Please contact your classroom instructor if you have questions or concerns about your permit status.

What to Bring

Driver's licenses for persons under age 21 are printed vertically with distinct features. To apply for your driver's license before reaching age 18, you must bring the following documents to the Driver Services facility:

- **Instruction permit**
- **Acceptable forms of identification ([follow this link](#))**
- Affidavit/Consent For Minor to Drive (if applicable)
- Cooperative Driver Testing Certificate (if applicable)
- **50-hour driving log with proper signature**



Parental Responsibility

- Parental Consent — Drivers ages 16-17 must have the written consent of a parent/legal guardian to obtain a driver's license.
- The parent/legal guardian who gave initial consent may cancel the minor's license at any time, for any reason, until the driver turns 18 by contacting the Secretary of State's Office.
- Driving privileges will not be reinstated until the parent/legal guardian who withdrew consent, once again provides consent or until the driver turns 18, whichever occurs first. The teen driver must reapply for a driver's license, take all applicable exams and pay the appropriate fees.