



Frequently Asked Questions

Serving Omaha, Elkhorn & Surrounding Communities

De Long's Driving School provides **Nebraska-approved driver education** for teens in **Omaha, Elkhorn, Gretna, Bennington, Millard, Waterloo, Valley, and nearby areas.** Below are answers to the most common questions from parents and students.

Who is eligible to take driver's education at De Long's Driving School?

Students must be **14–17 years old** and meet **Nebraska DMV requirements.**

To be eligible for **DMV testing through our school**, a student must have **held a Nebraska Learner's Permit for at least 180 days before turning 18.**

Important Nebraska DMV Rule:

If a student turns **18 before completing the required 180 days on a Learner's Permit**, De Long's Driving School **cannot administer the driving test**, and the student **will not receive a completion certificate sent to the Nebraska DMV.**

What learner's permits are available for Nebraska teens (ages 14–17)?

The Nebraska DMV offers:

- **Learner's Permit**
- **School Learner's Permit**

Both permits require passing a **written exam at a Nebraska DMV location.**

Students should study the **Nebraska Driver's Manual** before testing.

What is included in the Nebraska-approved Driver Safety Course?

Classroom Instruction

- **20 hours of Nebraska-approved driver education**
- Available as:
 - **Live Zoom classes**
 - **Online, self-paced coursework**

Behind-the-Wheel Driving Instruction

- **One-on-one professional instruction**
- Driving lessons begin once coursework has started
- For Zoom students, driving time is **separate from classroom hours**

Do you offer student pickup for driving lessons?

Yes. We proudly serve **Elkhorn and West Omaha**.

- Students living **within approximately 10 minutes of Elkhorn South High School along with attending Elkhorn School District** may be **picked up from home**
- Students outside our service area typically meet at **Elkhorn South High School**, when possible

What car is used for driving lessons, and whose insurance applies?

All lessons are conducted in **De Long's Driving School vehicles**, which:

- Are fully insured
- Include **passenger-side instructor brakes**
- Are clearly marked for driver education

Students are **covered under our insurance** during all lessons.

How long does it take to complete the driving portion?

Most students complete driving instruction within **30 days**, though timing may vary based on:

- Student readiness
- Practice outside of lessons
- Scheduling availability

Taking longer than 30 days is **completely acceptable**.

How many driving hours are included?

- Up to **5.5 hours of professional driving instruction**
- Lessons typically last **about 1 hour and 20 minutes** and we provide **electronic feedback after each drive to either the parent/child or both**.
- The total number of sessions depends on student progress and skill development

How should students prepare for behind-the-wheel lessons?

Successful drivers practice **both during lessons and at home**.

While instructors focus on refining skills and correcting mistakes, **consistent practice outside of lessons is essential**. Driving confidence improves with repetition, experience, and time behind the wheel.

Driving is a **lifelong skill**, and regular practice leads to safer, more confident drivers.

How are driving lessons scheduled?

- **Online students:** Schedule driving lessons via **email**
- **Zoom students:** May sign up **before class, after class, or by email**

We work closely with families to accommodate schedules whenever possible.

What should I know about the On-line driver education option?

The Online course allows students to complete coursework on their own schedule.

- Each chapter includes:
 - Reading
 - Instructional videos
 - Chapter quiz
 - Short video summaries
- A **Final Exam** is issued after all coursework is completed

Permit Reminder:

A Nebraska Learner's Permit is **not required** to begin online coursework, but **is required before any behind-the-wheel instruction begins.**

Does completing driver's education reduce car insurance costs?

Many insurance providers offer **teen driver discounts** for completing an approved Nebraska driver education course.

Discounts vary by provider and policy. Please contact your **auto insurance company directly** for details.

How much does driver's education cost? Are payment options available?

Current pricing and payment details are listed on our **Driver Education Registration page**. If you have questions about payment options, feel free to contact us.

Do you offer manual (stick-shift) driving lessons?

At this time, **all driving instruction is provided in automatic transmission vehicles only.**
