

Graduated Driver's Licensing in Kansas

CURRENT LAW

PROPOSED CHANGES

*SENATE BILL 294**

	Instruction Permit	Instruction Permit
Age	Minimum 14 years old	Minimum 15 years old
Testing Required	Vision Written	Vision Written
Driver Education Required	No (permit is used to take driver education)	No (Driver Education is required to be taken during the Instruction Permit period)
Accompanied by a licensed driver at all times?	Yes	Yes. Supervising driver must be in front seat.
Wireless use restriction	No	No use of wireless devices while driving.

	Farm Permit	Farm Permit
Age	Minimum 14 years old but less than 16 years old	Minimum 14 years old but less than 16 years old
Testing Required	Vision Written Drive (if not previously completed a Driver Education course)	Vision Written Drive (if not previously completed a Driver Education course)
Driver Education Required	No	No
Driving Restrictions	Yes Can drive unsupervised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To and from school (no school activities) To, from or in connection with any farm related work 	Yes Can drive unsupervised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To and from school (but not to school activities) To, from or in connection with any farm related work
Passenger Restriction	Yes. May not transport any non-sibling minor passenger.	Yes. May not transport any non-sibling minor passenger.
Wireless use restriction	No	No

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	Restricted Driver's License	Restricted Driver's License
Age	Minimum 15 years old but less than 16 years old. Must have had an instruction permit for at least six months, Any person under age 16 with a restricted license, that is convicted of 2 or more moving violations will remain restricted until age 17.	Minimum 16 years old and have held an Instruction Permit for 12 months with no moving violations, seat belt infractions, or improper wireless device use committed within preceding 6 months.
Driver Education Required	Yes	Yes
Driving Restrictions	Yes Can drive unsupervised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To and from school (no school activities) • To, from or in connection with employment or farm-related work 	Yes Can drive unsupervised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between the hours of 5am – 9pm (This time period includes driving to school); • When driving to or from a school sponsored activity or event ±; • When driving directly to or from any religious function ±; • When driving directly to or from work
Passenger Restriction	Yes. May not transport any non-sibling minor passenger.	Yes. When driving without a supervising driver, no more than one passenger under age 21 unless members of the immediate family.
Required Number of driving hours	Prior to age 16, applicant must provide affidavit showing at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, with 10 of those hours being at night. If affidavit is not provided prior to age 16 the driver will remain restricted until age 17 or until affidavit is provided, whichever comes first.	Prior to receiving a Restricted Driver's License, applicant must provide affidavit showing at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, with 10 of those hours being at night.
Wireless use restriction	No	No use of wireless devices while driving.

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	Non-Restricted Driver's License for 16 & 17 year olds	Non-Restricted Driver's License for 16 & 17 year olds
Age	Minimum 16 years old but less than 18 years old.	Minimum 16.5 years old but less than 18 years old and have held a Restricted Driver's License for 6 months with no moving violations, seat belt infractions, or improper wireless device use committed within preceding 6 months.
Testing Required	Vision Written Drive (if not previously completed a Driver Education course)	Vision Written
Driver Education Required	No	Yes
Required Number of driving hours	Driver must provide affidavit showing at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, with 10 of those hours being at night, by a licensed driver at least 21 years old, and signed by a parent or guardian.	Hours are required prior to receiving Restricted Driver's License.
Wireless use restriction	No	No use of wireless devices while driving.