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Parent-Teen Driving Agreement

Our family enters into this agreement covering the operation of any family vehicle by (teen's Name): _____.

Non-Negotiable Rules (teen to acknowledge each rule with initials)

I understand that the car I drive is my parent's or guardian's property and I may only drive it with their permission and in accordance with their rules and restrictions.

I will:

- wear my safety belt at all times, when driving or riding as a passenger;
- require that every passenger wear a safety belt;
- keep my doors locked while driving;
- always drive at safe speeds for the conditions — at or below the speed limit;
- obey traffic laws.

The terms of this agreement may change based on how I handle my responsibilities as a driver. However, some rules are non-negotiable. My driving privileges will be suspended indefinitely if any of the following rules is violated:

I will **NOT**:

- drive under the influence of alcohol or other drugs;
- be a passenger in a car driven by someone under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- allow alcohol or other drugs, or weapons in the car;
- engage in thrill-seeking, stunts, or any form of racing;
- conceal any tickets, warnings, or collisions from parents/guardians;
- allow anyone else to drive the car;
- allow passengers, other than parents, until that privilege is given by my parents.

Parental Commitments (parents to initial all that apply)

- We will provide and maintain a safe vehicle.
- We will pay for driver training classes/materials.
- We will be available to ride with you so you can fulfill your Graduated Licensing Law requirements and gain experience in a variety of conditions and locations.
- As your passenger, we will share observations and coach in a calm, respectful manner.
- We are there when you need us. We will pick you up or arrange for your safe transportation home, regardless of the situation or time of your call.
- We will be role models and lead by example.

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General Rules (to be agreed upon by both parents and teen)

Our family agrees that our teen won't drive at night between the hours of ____ to ____ for a period of at least ____ months. We will work as a group to make sure that they are able to attend all school, social and work activities during that time. Our family agrees that our teen won't drive with other teen passengers or be driven by a teen driver for a period of at least 9 months.

Courtesies and Considerations (teen to acknowledge with initials)

As a new driver in our family, the teen driver agrees to comply with the following courtesies and considerations. I, _____, understand each violation represents a forfeiture of privileges:

- I will provide my parents with my destination and time of return.
- I will call home if I feel I will not make curfew.
- I will not make unnecessary side trips or stops.
- I will not drive outside of agreed upon territories or boundaries.
- I will not eat, drink or smoke in the car.
- I will pull over and park the car before using my cell phone, pager, or any other electronic devices.
- I will not affix stickers or decals without permission.
- I will always treat pedestrians, cyclists, and other motorists with courtesy.

Privileges and Responsibilities (parents to check all that apply)

Our family agrees that driving is a privilege linked to satisfactory behavior at home and school, including:

- complying with family rules;
- completing duties at home properly and on time;
- showing proper respect for parents and others;
- maintaining attendance, conduct, and effort at school.

Operating Our Car (parents to check all that apply)

Our family agrees that our teen driver will perform the routine upkeep and maintenance of tasks indicated. If not checked, we the parents agree to perform the task:

- clear and clean windows and mirrors every time the vehicle is driven.
- inspect and check tire pressure every time the vehicle is driven.
- check fluids at each fill-up.
- wash vehicle and keep interior clean.
- report when fuel is less than ¼ tank.
- report unusual performance.
- have routine maintenance checks performed.

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Expenses (parents to write-in percentages)

Our family agrees that our teen driver will pay the indicated percentage of expenses related to the following responsibilities:

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| _____ Cost of vehicle | _____ Parking fees/decals |
| _____ Vehicle registration | _____ Damage due to abuse |
| _____ Cost of fuel | _____ Collision damage |
| _____ Cost of insurance | _____ Tickets, fines, penalties |
| _____ Maintenance costs | _____ Cost of insurance if grade point average drops below "B" |

Loss of Privileges (parents to fill out days)

We jointly agree that a citation for speeding of less than 10 mph over the limit shall result in a suspension of driving privileges for _____ days. For a violation in excess of 10 mph over, the suspension shall be _____ days.

For other traffic violations, the suspension schedule shall be:

- Parking ticket _____ Days suspension
- Careless driving _____ Days suspension
- Reckless driving _____ Days suspension
- Following too closely _____ Days suspension
- Failure to yield right-of-way _____ Days suspension
- Failure to signal _____ Days suspension
- Running a stop light _____ Days suspension
- Running a stop sign _____ Days suspension
- Any "at-fault" collision resulting in \$500 damage or more _____ Days suspension

The frequency of infractions will also result in the loss of driving privileges for an agreed upon duration. This will be added to the violations as cited above.

- First offense _____ Days suspension
- Second offense _____ Days suspension
- Third offense _____ Days suspension
- Preventable crash _____ Days suspension
- Serious violation Indefinite suspension
- Alcohol/drug use Indefinite suspension

Shared Commitment

Our family pledges its support of our newest driver. We will do everything we can to promote safe driving and responsible behavior.

On the first of every month, we Parents/Guardians and Teen agree to have a meeting to discuss driving performance. These meetings are to provide helpful answers to any questions, comments or concerns our teen may have. Further, we Parents will provide feedback on our teen's driving performance at this time.

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Additionally, there will be four random performance review dates throughout the course of one year. We Parents/Guardians will ride along with our teen driver and assess his or her driving performance. Some of the key behaviors are listed but not limited to:

- Safety belt use
- Signal use
- Braking
- Stopping
- Mirror use
- Turning
- Speed
- Lane maintenance
- Passing
- Following distance

It is recommended that each review vary the time of day, type of roadway and other conditions for a more comprehensive assessment. Parents/Guardians are to provide a written assessment of teen driving performance and go over the issues identified with the teen. Parents/Guardians may determine an appropriate increase or decrease in driving privileges.

Teen: In initialing terms and signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I understand my legal responsibilities and commitment to my family as a driver. I agree to abide by the terms of this agreement and accept the forfeiture of privileges if I fail to comply.

(Teen) (Date)

Parents/Guardians: We, as parents or guardians and owners of the family vehicles, agree to serve as good role models in our own driving. We will encourage safe driving practices by our teen by fairly and consistently enforcing the terms of this agreement.

(Name) (Date)

(Name) (Date)

Review date: _____