



Drivers Education in Colorado

Summary of State Requirements

Colorado allows students to begin driver's education as early as age 14½ and get their permit as early as their 15th birthday. Students can test for their license after holding their permit for 12 full months.

Your 8th grader will depart from middle school soon to embark on their high school career... here's to another important milestone: becoming a licensed driver!

Here are the Colorado State requirements

Age	Class	Professional Behind-the-Wheel Training*	Logged Driving Hours
14½ - 15½	30-hour class required	Minimum 6 hours required (to get license before 16 ½)	Regardless of the type of driver's permit you have, if you are under 18 years old, you must complete 50 hours of behind-the-wheel practice with at least 10 hours completed at night. 100+ hours recommended
15½ - 16	30-hour class or 4-hour driver awareness class required	Minimum 6 hours recommended	
16 and up (until 18th birthday)	30-hour class or 4-hour driver awareness class recommended	Minimum 6 hours recommended	

*Insurance discounts typically apply for students completing 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training as part of their driver's education.

Visit DriveSafeColorado.com/middle-school to learn more.