

# Segment 1 Driver Education

Segment 1 is the **first step** in Michigan's Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program.

## Course Overview

- **Classroom Instruction:** 24 hours of interactive lessons
- **Behind-the-Wheel Driving:** 6 hours with a certified instructor
- **In-Car Observation:** 4 hours observing professional driving
- **Assessment:** Written exam at the end of the course

## Eligibility

- Students must be **at least 14 years and 8 months old** on or before the first day of class

## Next Steps After Segment 1

- Upon successful completion, students can apply for a **Level 1 Learner's License** (minimum age 14 years, 9 months)
- The Level 1 license allows students to **practice driving with a parent, guardian, or licensed adult (age 21 or older)**