

**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
Department for Community Based Services  
Division of Protection and Permanency

**Readiness for Driving Agreement**

Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Twist Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
ILS Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSW Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Caregiver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other participants: \_\_\_\_\_

**Readiness:**

A meeting or discussion is held to determine a youth's readiness to pursue a learner's permit and license under the Graduated Driver's Licensing Program in Kentucky. At a minimum, the youth, foster parent or caregiver, and the youth's worker shall complete the checklist below to assess the youth's readiness and review the requirements.

Yes	No*	
		Is the youth at least 15 years of age (minimum age to obtain a learner's permit)?
		Is the youth enrolled in school?
		Did the youth have fewer than nine unexcused absences last semester? **Any absences due to suspension are considered unexcused.
		Did the youth pass at least four courses or the equivalent of four courses last semester?
		Were there no incidents of suspension, non-attendance, or expulsion in the last six months?
		Are there no documented medical or mental health recommendations that the youth not drive due to physical functioning and judgment when operating a motor vehicle?
		Is the youth free from any evidence of drug or alcohol use during the last year?
		Does the youth generally display age-appropriate behavior, questioning and testing within normal limits, most often using good judgment, and avoiding unsafe, violent, or criminal behavior (within the past year)?
		Does the youth have placement stability and most often demonstrate respect for placement rules and expectations?
		Does the youth have access to the online Kentucky's Driver's Manual and practice test?

\*If answered 'no' to any of the above questions, document the plan for addressing these concerns in the table below.

Action	Person(s) responsible	Timeframe

### **Required Documentation:**

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) requires several documents and the passage of several tests as part of the application to obtain a learner's permit, intermediate license, and a full-unrestricted license. Check the webpage for further information: <http://drive.ky.gov/>.

Please check whether the youth has obtained or completed the following items:

Yes	No*	
		An original or certified copy of a birth certificate
		A school Compliance Verification Form if under age 18 signed by the school district
		Social Security Card
		Signed and completed application
		Signed Cabinet Commitment Verification Letter
		Funds to pay the Kentucky learner's permit fee

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### **Learner's Permit Driving Restrictions, Education, and Practice Hours:**

Kentucky's Graduated Driving Program places restrictions and requirements on youth. Please check the following:

Yes	No*	
		Does the youth understand who is eligible to sign their application to obtain a learner's permit or license? <b>Who will be signing the application:</b>
		Does the youth and caregiver understand that the person signing the youth's application will be responsible for the youth and any damages caused by the negligence of the youth while driving a vehicle?
		Does the youth understand that the person who signs their application has the right to withdraw their responsibility at any time which will result in the permit or license being canceled until another application accepting responsibility is signed?

		Does the youth understand that if they drop out of school or are declared to be academically deficient, the school superintendent will notify the Transportation Cabinet who will revoke their operator's license, intermediate license, permit, and privilege to operate a motor vehicle?
		Does the youth understand that DCBS, as funds allow, will cover the cost of completing a Driver Education Program, up to \$600.00?
		Does the youth have access to an insured vehicle to practice driving? Whose car will the youth be using? <b>Answer:</b>
		Does the youth understand that they can only drive when accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old?
		Who will be accompanying the youth while they have their permit? <b>Answer:</b>
		Does the youth understand that minors with a learner's permit can only drive between 6 a. m. and 12 a. m., unless it is for an emergency or school/work-related purpose?
		Does the youth understand that minors with a learner's permit can drive with no more than one passenger who is under 20 years old, unless they are a family member?
		Are the youth and caregiver aware and do they agree that the youth with a permit completes 60 hours of driving practice, including 10 hours at night? <b>Please list who will be supervising and documenting these hours:</b>
		Are the youth and caregiver aware and do they agree that the youth must complete an approved driver's education training? There are four options in Kentucky: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Graduated licensing course- free, four-hour course provided by KYTC in the driver's home county. The course does not include any hands-on driving;</li> <li>2. Graduated licensing online course- fee-based training;</li> <li>3. High school driver's education course or similar course available through community college, vocational school, or Job Corps; and</li> <li>4. Private driver training course at an approved training school.</li> </ol> Once the driver's education course is completed, the course provider will automatically notify the Transportation Cabinet on your behalf.
		Does the youth understand that permit holders who are 15 years of age must hold the driving permit for a minimum of 180 days and reach the age of 16 before they are eligible to apply for an intermediate license?
		Does the youth understand that minors under 18 must hold the permit a minimum of 180 days before applying for an intermediate license and then must hold the intermediate license for a minimum of one hundred eighty 180 days before applying for an unrestricted operator's license?
		Does the youth understand that if they are convicted of a moving traffic violation indicated in KRS 186, 189, and 189A, they will have to restart the 180-day waiting period?

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**Youth must agree to abide by the following rules while driving. Youth must read and initial each condition.**

<b>Youth's Initials</b>	<b>I agree to:</b>
	<b>Keep my cell phone off while driving</b> Multiple studies indicate using a cell phone while driving is the equivalent of driving drunk—that's even when using a hands-free phone. In Kentucky, drivers under the age of 18 are prohibited from using cell phones (handheld or hands-free) while driving.
	<b>Refrain from texting</b> Research shows texting—on average—causes a loss of focus on the road for 4.6 seconds. You can drive the length of a full football field in that time. A <i>lot</i> can go wrong while you drive the length of a football field without your eyes on the road.  Don't try the "texting-while-stopped" approach. Remember, you still need to pay attention to the road when you're stopped. All drivers are prohibited from texting while driving.
	<b>Wear my seat belt and ensure that all of my passengers wear their seat belts</b>
	<b>Turn on my headlights</b> Using your headlights increases your visibility and helps other drivers see you, even when you feel like it's light out. In the early morning and early evening (dusk), you need to use your lights, or other drivers might not see you, which can be disastrous.
	<b>Obey the speed limit</b> Speeding is a major contributor to fatal teen accidents. That's especially true when driving on roads with lots of traffic or with which you're not familiar.  Don't feel pressured to keep up with traffic if it seems like everyone else is flying by you. Driving a safe speed helps ensure your well-being and keeps you away from costly traffic tickets that can cause a sharp hike in your auto insurance premiums.
	<b>Minimize distractions</b> It may be tempting to eat, drink, flip around the radio dial, or play music loudly while you're cruising around town; however, all that can cause your mind or vision to wander, even for a few seconds. As an inexperienced driver, you are more apt to lose control of your car. Distractions can significantly increase the chances that you: 1) not notice

	impending danger or notice it too late, and 2) lose the ability to control the vehicle.
	<b>Avoid unnecessary trips in adverse weather</b>
	<b>Do not drive when you are overly upset, angry, or tired</b>
	<b>Never drive while using alcohol or other drugs, or ride in a care when the driver is using them</b>
	<b>Practice defensive driving (space cushion)</b> Always be aware of the traffic ahead, behind, and next to you, and have possible escape routes in mind. Stay <b>at least one</b> car length behind the car in front of you in slower speeds and maintain a larger buffer zone with faster speeds.
	<b>Check in with a caregiver every time you drive.</b> Tell caregiver where you are going, who will be the passengers, and when you will return. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call home if you will be more than _____ minutes late.</li> <li>• Call home if your plans change while you are out.</li> <li>• Call home if you cannot get home safely. Caregiver will arrange a safe ride home.</li> </ul>
	<b>Authorize the cabinet to request and inspect my Kentucky driver history records in accordance with KRS 186.018.</b>

- ☐ The team recommends that the youth be allowed to pursue a learner's permit and license under the graduated licensing program in Kentucky.
- ☐ The team does not recommend the youth pursue a driver's permit at this time.

**If an agreement cannot be reached on any of the necessary steps or resources in this agreement, or the youth is not ready, outline the necessary steps below to move forward.**

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**Insurance Coverage:**

Yes	No	
		Is the foster parent (if applicable) with whom the youth resides electing to add the youth to their personal motor vehicle insurance? The foster parent will likely be expected by the foster parent's insurance provider to add the foster youth to any existing motor vehicle insurance plan within 30 days of the foster youth obtaining a license or provide proof that the foster youth is otherwise insured. As funding and resources permits, reimbursements may be available to foster parents for the additional costs involved with adding the foster youth to the foster parent's motor vehicle insurance.

Document the plan for addressing any issues related to insurance:

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Youth Signature Date

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Caregiver Date

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ILS Date

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SSW Date

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Other Participant Date

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Other Participant Date

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Other Participant Date