Behind the wheel Grading Rubrics

BTW: Basic Control

4 Above average	3 Average	2 Below Average	1 Needs improvement
• Hand			
position/posture/	· Demonstrates	Demonstrates	 Demonstrates
Mirror	hand position/posture/	hand position/posture/	hand position/posture/
adjustment/knowledge	mirror	mirror	mirror
of controls	adjustments/knowledge	adjustments/knowledge	adjustments/knowledge
Demonstrates	of controls with 1-3	of controls with 4-6	of controls. Need
environmental	cues	cues	continuous cues to
awareness and spacial			perform task
Awareness of vehicle.			
	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	 Demonstrates
· Accurately	environmental	environmental	environmental
executes timely	awareness and spacial	awareness and spacial	awareness and spacial
adjustments to	Awareness of vehicle	Awareness of vehicle	Awareness of vehicle
maximize space	with 1-3 cues	with 4-6 cues	Needs continuous cues
cushion			to perform task
	 Accurately 	 Accurately 	
	executes timely	executes timely	 Accurately
	adjustments to	adjustments to	executes timely
	maximize space cushion	maximize space cushion	adjustments to
	with 1-3 cues	with 4-6 cues	maximize space. Needs
			continuous cues to
			perform task

BTW: Backing Rubric

4 Above average	3 Average	2 Below Average	1 Needs improvement
• Turns head to the	 Turns head to 	 Uses mirror or 	 Does not look to
right to watch the rear	the left or to the right	opens the door to watch	the rear at all when
when backing.	part of the time to	while backing.	backing.
	watch the rear while		
• Looks to the rear	backing.	 Looks to the rear 	 Does not look to
at all times while		before starting, but	the rear before starting.
backing.	 Looks t the rear 	continually looks back	
	before and while	and forth from front to	 Hits parked vehicle,
 Backs in fairly 	starting backing, but	rear.	pedestrian, or fixed
straight line without	turns to the front		object.
stopping to make a	during the last half of	· Weaves	
correction.	the maneuver.	excessively.	 Backs over 15
			m.p.h.
 Does not exceed 	 Weaves slightly. 	 Backs between 11 	
5 m.p.h.		and 15 m.p.h.	 Backs over the curb
	 Backs between 		with one or more wheels.
 Does not hit or 	6 and 10 m.p.h.	 Bumps or scrapes 	
scrape the curb.		curb continually without	 Refuses to
	 Scrapes the 	stopping.	commence backing or
 No hesitancy in 	curb slightly.		admits inability to do so.
backing.		· Extremely	
	 Hesitates to 	reluctant to back out,	
	back but does so	but does so with urging.	
	without much urging.		

BTW: Downhill Parking

4 Above average	3 Average	2 Below Average	1 Needs Improvement
			· Jumps curb with
Position vehicle	Position vehicle	 Positions vehicle 	one or more wheels.
within 12 inches of the	within 12 inches of the	more than 12 inches	(Dangerous Action)
curb or edge of	curb or edge of	from the curb or edge	Front wheels roll
roadway. Vehicle is	roadway but not	of the roadway.	or jumps over curb, if
aligned straight with	parallel.		any. (Dangerous Action)
the curb or edge of		· Sharply bumps the	· The vehicle rolls
roadway.	· Scrapes, but does	curb with one or more	across the street; or
	not go over curb with	wheels but does not go	rolls into the ditch at
· Turns wheel	one or more tires.	over the curb.	the side of the road; or
properly toward the			allows the vehicle to roll
nearest side of the road	· Front wheels not	· Vehicle rolls	into the street where it
whether with or	turned fully to proper	forward from 13 to 24	blocks (or potentially
without curb.	angle; or front wheels	inches because student	would block) the flow of
	turned in the wrong	didn't pull to curb or set	traffic; or parks so that
 Pulls gently 	direction; or wheels not	braking system	any portion of the
forward to set front	turned at all; or wheels	properly.	vehicle is dangerously
wheels against the curb,	not touching curb after	/	extending into the
if any.	pulling forward.	· Parks successfully	traffic lane where it
		in three attempts.	could endanger or
• Sets parking brake	• Where there is no		cause modification in
or select park lock	curb, student drives one		the flow of traffic.
position of automatic	tire onto grassy area or		(Dangerous Action)
transmission or both.	the authorized parking		
	area at edge of		· Student uses four
· Does not allow	roadway.		or more attempts to
the vehicle to roll after			park successfully.
completing park.	 Parking brake not 		
	set or park lock position		· Refuses to park or
· Parks successfully	of automatic		admits inability to park
in one attempt.	transmission not used.		the vehicle. (Lack of
			Cooperation)
	· Vehicle rolls back		
	from 1 to 12 inches		 Makes contact
	because student didn't		with vehicles or
	back to curb or set		property while
	braking system		attempting to park; or
	properly.		endangers any person
			or property. (Accident)
	· Parks successfully		
	in two attempts.		

BTW: Uphill Parking

BTW: 3 Point Turn

4 Above average	3 Average	2 Below Average	1 Needs Improvement
Proper signaling	• Misses 1 signal	 Misses 2 signals 	 Does not stop or yield to pedestrians
Signals and pulls	 Pulls more than 6 	 Pulls more than 	
3-6 inches from curb	inches from curb, but	12 inches from curb	 Misses more than
	less than 12 inches		2 signals
· Does not hit or		 Vehicle less 	
scrape object fixed	 Vehicle less than 	than75 degrees, but	 Jumps curb
object	90 degrees, bur more	more than 65 degrees	
	than 75 degrees	from being	 Hits a fixed object
· Vehicle	Perpendicular to	perpendicular to	
perpendicular to	opposite curb	opposite curb	 Vehicle less than
opposite curb without			65 degrees of being
hitting curb	 Looks to front and 	 Uses only mirrors 	perpendicular to
	turns head only one	to back up	opposite curb
· Looks all	direction to view rear		
directions before	while backing	 Fails to look in all 	 Does not look to
backing		directions before	rear at all when backing
	 Backs into proper 	backing	
Backs into	lane, but too far into		 Does not check
proper lane without	opposite lane hitting	 Backs into proper 	front and rear zones.
hitting opposite curb	curb	lane, but completely out	Pulls into path of travel
		of line and/or hits	of oncoming traffic
Checks front and	Checks zones with	opposite curb	
rear zones with	mirrors but does not		Endangers persons
mirrors and head	turn head before pulling	 Does not check 	or property
check	into lane of travel	front and/or rear zones	
		of travel with mirrors or	
		head check	

BTW: Lane Observance

4 Above average	3 Average	2 Below Average	1 Needs improvement
· Stays in proper	Allows vehicle to	Allows vehicle to	· Allows vehicle to
lane at all times	drift partially out of	drift partially out of	drift completely out of
	driving lane 1 time	driving lane 2 times	driving. (Dangerous
Allows sufficient			action)
space between vehicles	Drives too close to	 Drives dangerously 	
and parked vehicles	vehicles and/or parked	close to vehicles and/or	 Clips, hits, or
	vehicles	parked vehicles	collides with vehicle,
Provides sufficient			person, or fixed
space between vehicles	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	object.(accident)
and other vehicles in the	special awareness and	special awareness and	
same or opposite	communication with	communication with	
direction when passing	other vehicles. Mirrors,	other vehicles. Mirrors,	 Crosses a single or
or driving on a multi-	head check, signals with	head check, signals with	double solid yellow
lane road	1-3 cues.	4-5 cues.	line(Violation)
· Demonstrates	• Demonstrates	· Demonstrates	· Erratic unnecessary
special awareness and	proper speed control	proper speed control	movement in the lane
communication with	and lane adjustments	and lane adjustments	causes vehicles and/or
other vehicles. Mirrors,	for lane changes and/or	for lane changes and/or	pedestrians traveling in
head checks, signals	turns with 1-3 cues	turns with 4-5 cues	same direction or
			opposite direction to take
Demonstrates proper	 Allows vehicle to 	 Allows vehicle to 	evasive action (dangerous
speed control and lane	scrape or bump curb or	scrape or bump curb or	action)
adjustments for lane	drift into adjacent lane	drift into adjacent lane	
changes and/or turns	once, but corrects the	2-3 times, but corrects	 Does not
	vehicle position	the vehicle position and	demonstrate special
Maintains proper		/or does not disrupt the	awareness and
lane without scraping or		flow of traffic.	communication with
bumping curb or			other vehicles. Mirrors,
allowing any portion of			head checks, signals
vehicle to drift into			
adjacent lane			 Does not
			demonstrate proper
			speed control and lane
			adjustments for lane
			changes and/or turns.
			Cuts off vehicle, disrupts
			flow of traffic, cross
			center line on street
			during turn, Jumps curb

BTW: Expressway Driving

4 Above average	3 Average	2 Below Average	1 Needs Improvement
 Merges on the 	 Merges on the 	 Hesitant to merge 	 Hesitant to merge
expressway smoothly and	expressway smoothly but	on the expressway (5-10	on the expressway (10+
without hesitation.	5 m.p.h. below the	m.p.h. below the advised	m.p.h. below the speed
	advised speed.	speed).	limit).
 Efficiently finds an 			
open zone to merge by	 Hesitates in finding 	 Has difficulty 	 Does not perform
using shoulder and mirror	an open zone to merge.	merging into traffic.	mirror or should checks
checks.			when merging.
	· Maintains zone	 Has difficulty 	
· Maintains proper	control by adjusting speed	maintaining zone control	 Cannot merge
zone control by adjusting	with prompting.	by adjusting speed.	without instructor
speed as necessary.			assistance.
	· Drives 0-5 m.p.h.	 Speed fluctuates 	
• Obeys the posted	above the posted speed	above and below the	· Cannot maintain
speed limit and performs	limit.	posted speed limit.	zone control without
shoulder checks when			instructor assistance.
changing lanes.	· Hesitant to make	 Makes lane changes 	
	lane changes.	only with instructor	• Unable to maintain
· Communicates with		prompting.	a speed within 10 m.p.h.
other drivers in a timely	· Reduces speed		of the posted limit.
manner by using turn	when making lane	 Significant speed 	
signals.	changes.	reduction (10 m.p.h.)	 Is unable to change
		when making lane	lanes without instructor
· Demonstrates	· Communicates with	changes.	prompting or assistance.
awareness of proper lane	other drivers by using		
usage and position.	turn signals, but not in a	 Rarely uses turn 	 Does not use a turn
	timely manner.	signals when making lane	signal when making lane
• Exits the expressway		changes.	changes.
smoothly and at the	· Exits the expressway		
proper speed.	slightly above (5 m.p.h.)	· Exits the expressway	· Cannot exit the
	the advised speed.	at 10 m.p.h. above the	expressway without
		advised speed.	assistance.

BTW: Destination Drive

4	3	2	1
Above average	Average	Below Average	Needs Improvement
 Using an address 	 Using an address 	 Using an address 	· The student was not
provided to the student,	provided to the student,	provided to the student,	prepared to determine the
they will determine the	they will determine the	they will determine the	best route to the address
best route to that	best route to that	best route to that	provided.
destination.	destination.	destination.	
			 The student was not
 The student will be 	 The student will be 	 The student may use 	prepared with a printed
prepared with a printed	prepared with a printed	any of the available	map as well as turn by turn
map as well as turn by turn	map as well as turn by turn	sources, i.e. internet	directions. (including
directions. (including	directions. (including	mapping services, road	distances between turns)
distances between turns)	distances between turns)	map.	
			 The student was
 The student shall be 	 The student shall be 	 The student was not 	unable to read the map
able to read a map &	able to read a map &	prepared with a printed	and/or verbally give
verbally give directions to	verbally give directions to	map as well as turn by turn	directions to their driving
their driving partner in a	their driving partner but	directions. (including	partner in a timely
timely manner.	does not do so in a timely	distances between turns)	manner.
	manner on three		
• As the driver the	occasions.	 The student was 	• As the driver the
student demonstrates the		unable to read a map &	student did not
responsible skills for the	• As the driver the	verbally give directions to	demonstrate the
safe arrival to the	student demonstrates the	their driving partner in a	responsible skills for the
destination while	responsible skills for the	timely manner.	safe arrival to the
incorporating the rules of	safe arrival to the		destination while
the road.	destination while	• As the driver the	incorporating the rules of
	incorporating the rules of	student demonstrates the	the road.
	the road.	responsible skills for the	
		safe arrival to the	
		destination while	
		incorporating the rules of	
		the road.	