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Calendar Year 2010

## Pre Driver Education Letter

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Grandparent(s):

No doubt your teenager is eagerly looking forward to obtaining a learner's permit and the privilege of taking traffic safety driver education. Your teenager must be at least 15 years old to apply for a Vermont Learners Permit. However, at age 15 they may receive a Vermont Learners Permit to be able to enroll in an approved traffic safety driver education course. As parent(s)/guardian(s) and instructor(s), we have a serious responsibility to provide our youth with an opportunity to learn to operate motor vehicles safely. The following information is provided to help you plan ahead for this vital instructional program.

Gold Star Driving School LLC, is offering an alternative to the course offered at your student's high school. Gold Star Driving School's Traffic Safety Driver Education ("TSDE"), includes both classroom and behind the wheel instruction. Students may apply for a ten (10) week TSDE course that will be held two nights a week. This includes thirty (30) hours of classroom and six (6) hours of behind the wheel instruction, with six (6) hours of driver observation. This instruction is most effective when students are at the height of their own motivation to learn. It is most valuable when they will soon be able to apply what they have learned to be responsible novice drivers. Therefore, Gold Star Driving School recommends that your student not be enrolled until such time that he or she will have reached the legal licensing age of sixteen (16) by the time of the course completion or within the one year of holding a Learners Permit.

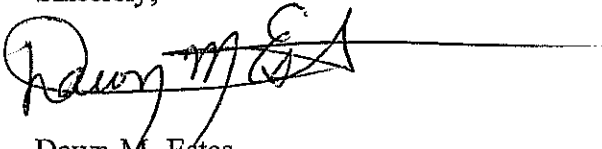
Please be reminded that no person may legally drive any automobile upon the public highways or streets without a valid learner's permit or license. The permit is only valid when driving within a state that will allow it. Carefully check other state motor vehicles laws before allowing your teenager to drive in another state. A licensed **unimpaired** driver who is twenty five (25) years old or older must seated beside the teenager at all times. Also, it is illegal for the owner of a motor vehicle to authorize or knowingly permit such vehicle to be driven upon a roadway by a person who is not properly licensed or unimpaired. Please remember that the impressions gained by teenagers and younger children while riding with you as a responsible driver are highly regarded skills they will take to traffic safety driver education and bad habits are hard to change. Today, the young driver and the automobile form a combination of great social and economic concerns. Together, we hope it will be possible to provide your teenager with a sound basis for a lifetime of safe and efficient driving. To assist in this effort you may contact me; Dawn M. Estes to set a meeting prior to the start date of class to answer any questions and review the materials used by Gold Star Driving School.

**Attendance required :** One (1) Two (2) hour class session may be missed, with no make up required. One Behind the Wheel instruction may be missed with a make -up time to be scheduled. Any additional absences are subject to prior approval. Tardiness of more than ten (10) minutes per classroom sessions on a regular basis will be reason for discharge from class, without prior written approval by Gold Star Driving School LLC. Any student suspected of substance abuse will be dismissed from class. All dismissals listed above are subject to payment in full for course due at time of dismissal.

**Classes held:** Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm., at the Central Vermont Academy , 317 Vine Street, Berlin, Vermont, ( across from Legare's Farm Market on the Barre Montpelier Road).

Please let us know if we can be of additional help.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn M. Estes", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a star-like symbol at the end.

Dawn M. Estes  
Owner/Instructor

Gold Star Driving School LLC