









Signs you must recognize

Shape and color tell you what to do before you read the text.

Sign color decoder

 Red Stop, yield, or do not enter	 Yellow Warning of hazard ahead	 Orange Work zone, construction, or detour	 Green Permitted movement or directions
 Blue Driver services, hospitals, rest areas	 Brown Recreation, parks, scenic areas	 White Regulatory — must obey the posted rule	 Yellow-green Pedestrian, school, or bike crossing

Michigan signs you will see on the test

 Cross road ahead Yellow diamond with cross symbol. A four-way intersection is ahead — be ready to yield or stop.	 Railroad crossing (advance) Round yellow R-R sign warns of a railroad crossing ahead. Slow, look both ways, and prepare to stop.	 Workers ahead Orange work-zone sign. Workers on or near the road.	 Stop 8-sided red sign. Full stop; check all traffic and pedestrians.	 Steep hill Steep downgrade ahead. Use lower gear; do not ride brakes.	 No-pass pennant Yellow pennant = no passing zone. Do not pass any vehicle.
 Reduced speed ahead White rectangular sign. A lower speed limit begins ahead — prepare to slow down.	 Curve right Road curves to the right ahead. Slow before the curve.	 Right lane ends Right lane ends. Traffic in right lane must merge left.	 Large arrow — direction Yellow horizontal rectangle with arrow. Road ahead changes direction — follow the arrow and slow significantly.	 Traffic signal ahead Signal at intersection ahead. Prepare to stop or slow.	 Railroad crossing Round yellow advance warning. Slow, look, listen, prepare to stop.
 Winding road Series of curves ahead (3 or more). Reduce speed.	 Chevron — sharp left Road curves sharply to the left. Follow chevron direction.	 Do not enter Prevents wrong-way entry on one-way streets and ramps.			

Sign shape shortcuts

- Octagon** — Always means STOP. The only 8-sided sign.
- Downward triangle** — Always means YIELD. Red and white edges.
- Diamond** — Warning of a road condition or hazard ahead.
- Vertical rectangle** — Regulatory — speed limits, turn restrictions, lane use.
- Horizontal rectangle** — Guidance — route markers, exit info, distance signs.
- Pennant** — Sideways triangle on LEFT side = start of no-passing zone.
- Round** — Yellow circle with X+R-R = railroad crossing ahead.
- Pentagon** — School zone or school crossing — children present.

Hand signal decoder

Rules of the road

Right of way

4-way stop — First to arrive goes first. Ties: yield to driver on the right.

Left turn — Yield to all oncoming vehicles and pedestrians.

Pedestrian in crosswalk — Always yield — marked or unmarked crosswalk.

Emergency vehicle — Drive to the right side of the road and stop.

School bus (red flashers) — Stop both directions on two-lane highway until lights stop flashing.

Roundabout — Yield to traffic already circulating; enter on a gap.

Driveway / private road — Yield to pedestrians and all traffic on the public road.

Merging onto freeway — Yield to freeway traffic; match speed and merge when safe.

Signals not working — Treat as a 4-way stop.

Michigan speed limits

Freeways — maximum	70 mph
Freeways — minimum	55 mph
State highways (unless posted)	55 mph
Other roads (unless posted)	55 mph

Platted subdivisions	25 mph
Condominium complexes	25 mph
Slow-moving vehicle emblem	≤ 25 mph max

Lane markings and changes

Solid yellow center — No passing on your side of the line.

Broken yellow center — Passing allowed when safe.

Double solid yellow — No passing in either direction.

Double solid yellow exception — May cross only to turn into a driveway.

Broken white lane line — Lane change OK when safe.

Solid white lane line — Lane change discouraged; crossing not recommended.

Pennant-shaped sign on left — Start of a no-passing zone.

Exit only sign overhead — Must exit freeway if you stay in that lane.

Turning and signaling

Signal distance — Signal at least 100 feet before turning or changing lanes.

When to signal — Always signal when turning, changing lanes, or leaving a curb.

Right on red — Allowed after a full stop, unless posted otherwise.

Left from one-way onto one-way — Allowed after a full stop when safe.

Wheels leaving curb — Signal and yield to all traffic before pulling out.

Following distance and emergencies

Following rule — Maintain a 3- to 4-second following distance in normal conditions.

Bad weather — Increase following distance in fog, rain, ice, or poor visibility.

Tailgater behind you — Pull over to the side and allow the tailgater to pass.

Skid — Ease off gas; steer only enough to keep wheels pointing where you want to go.

Emergency vehicle approaching — Drive to the right side of the road and stop.

Railroad — flashing signals — Stop and look for a train; never proceed until safe.

Gates at railroad — Never drive around or under a gate being lowered or raised.

Truck stopping at 55 mph — A fully loaded tractor-trailer needs up to 400 feet to stop.

Sharing the road

Motorcyclist — Give a full lane; check blind spots before lane change.

Slow-moving vehicle — Orange triangle on rear = cannot exceed 25 mph.

Truck blind spots — If you can't see their mirror, they can't see you.

Passing — when to avoid — Never pass at hill, curve, intersection, work zone, or school bus.

Lane change — check — Signal, check mirrors, then check blind spot in direction of move.

Safety, DUI, parking and test-day

Michigan DUI / OWI quick-facts

Adult BAC limit (21+)	0.08 %
Only way to lower BAC	Time — body processes ~1 drink/hour
Coffee / food lowers BAC?	No — only time works
Alcohol + other drugs	Multiplies effects of both

Drugs that impair driving	All — illegal, prescription, OTC
Open container on public road	Illegal under any circumstance

Sleepiness affects driving like	Alcohol — same impairment effect
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Hazardous conditions

DO

- + Use low beams in fog — never high beams (reflects back)
- + Increase following distance in fog, rain, snow, or ice
- + Ease off gas and steer gently to recover from a skid
- + Listen, look both ways at railroad crossings, then proceed if safe
- + Use emergency flashers and low beams if stopped on road at night
- + Watch for children when school bus has finished unloading

DON'T

- Drive around or under railroad crossing gates — ever
- Pass at a hill, curve, intersection, work zone, or school bus
- Drive below the speed limit when it disrupts normal traffic flow
- Exceed the posted speed limit at any time
- Depend on coffee or food to reduce your BAC — only time works
- Drive with more than 1 passenger under 21 on a Level 2 license

Parking and distance rules

Fire hydrant	No parking within 15 feet
Railroad crossing	No parking within 50 feet

Crosswalk or bike lane	No parking on or in
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Uphill with curb	Turn wheels AWAY from curb
Downhill with curb	Turn wheels TOWARD curb (to the right)

No curb (any hill)	Turn wheels TOWARD road edge
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Equipment and vehicle rules

Seat belt — all occupants — Every person in the vehicle must wear a seat belt every trip.

Children — vehicle — Small children must never stand or roam in a moving vehicle.

Headlights — foggy weather — Use low beams; high beams reflect back and reduce visibility.

When stopped on road at night — Turn on emergency flashers; keep low beams on.

Required to carry when stopped — Driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance.

Leaving vehicle unattended — Turn off engine, remove keys, set parking brake — all required.

Michigan test-day cheat box

Adult test length	50 questions (25 signs + 25 rules)
Adult passing score	40 correct (80%) — must get 20/25 in each section

Permit (TIP) fee	\$25
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Level 1 permit hold time	6 months minimum before Level 2
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Supervised hours (Level 1)	50 total (10 at night)
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Level 2 night curfew	10 p.m. – 5 a.m. (except work / accompanied)
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Level 2 passenger limit	Max 1 passenger under 21 (exceptions: family, work)
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Agency for licenses	Secretary of State (SOS) — not DMV
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Last-minute test-taking tips

Read every option before you pick — Michigan's exam often includes a partially-correct choice to trip you up. When two options seem right, pick the more cautious one ('slow and yield' usually beats 'speed up' or 'honk and proceed'). The test has two independent sections (signs and rules) — you must score 80% in each, so don't skip one section's questions. Unanswered counts as wrong. Eliminate the obvious wrong answers first, then choose carefully.