









Signs you must recognize

Sign colors

 Red Stop, yield, or prohibition	 Yellow Warning — hazard ahead	 Orange Construction and work zones	 White Regulatory rules you must obey
 Green Guide — directions and distances	 Blue Motorist services (gas, food, lodging)	 Brown Recreation and cultural areas	 Fluorescent Yellow-Green School zones and pedestrian crossings

Signs from the test

 Yield Slow down; give right-of-way to crossing traffic	 Warning (shape) Yellow diamond = hazard warning ahead	 Railroad Crossing Advance Warning Railroad crossing ahead — slow down, look both ways	 Railroad Crossbuck At crossing — look, listen, prepare to stop	 Slippery When Wet Reduce speed; road surface is slippery when wet	 Merging Traffic Another lane of traffic is merging from the side
 Lane Ends — Merge Left Right lane ends; merge left before it closes	 School Zone Children present; 15 mph unless otherwise posted	 Slow-Moving Vehicle Orange triangle = vehicle traveling 25 mph or slower	 Do Not Pass Passing other vehicles is prohibited here	 Low Clearance Bridge or overpass height restriction ahead	 Curve Ahead Road curves; slow down before entering the curve
 Steep Hill Steep downgrade ahead; control speed, use lower gear	 Reverse Curve Road curves right, then left — reduce speed before entering.	 Flagger Ahead Work zone — obey the flagger's directions	 Side Road Side road intersects from the right ahead		

Sign shapes — quick reference

Octagon (8 sides) — Stop only

Triangle (inverted, red/white) — Yield only

Diamond (yellow/orange) — Warning — slow down

Pentagon (pointed top) — School zone or crossing

Circle (yellow) — Railroad crossing ahead

Triangle (orange/red, rear) — Slow-moving vehicle — ≤25 mph

Rectangle (white) — Regulatory — you must obey

Rectangle (green/brown/blue) — Guide or information only

Rules of the road

Right-of-way

4-way stop — same time — Yield to driver on your right

Turning left — Yield to all oncoming vehicles

Emergency vehicle with siren — Pull right, stop; do not block intersections

Pedestrians — always — Yield to all crosswalks, marked or unmarked

Intersection — no signs — Yield to traffic already in the intersection

Entering traffic from curb — Wait for a gap large enough to reach traffic speed

School bus — red lights flashing — Stop; do not move until lights stop flashing

Blind pedestrian (white cane/guide dog) — Always yield the right-of-way

Speed limits (unless posted)

Rural interstate	70 mph
State road / highway	55 mph
School zone	15 mph
Maximum speed — general rule	Drive at posted limit only under ideal conditions

Slow-moving vehicle on road	≤ 25 mph — orange triangle on rear
Headlights required	Sunset to sunrise and whenever wipers are needed
Dim headlights within	500 ft of oncoming vehicle; 500 ft when following
High beams — use on	Open country roads with no oncoming traffic

Lane rules and passing

Following distance — 1 car length per 10 mph of speed

Slippery roads — Increase following distance beyond normal

Signal before turning — Signal at least 100 ft before the turn

Return to right lane after passing — When you can see both headlights of passed vehicle

Double solid yellow line — No passing from either direction

Broken yellow beside solid yellow — Passing allowed from broken-line side only

Broken yellow (your side) — May pass if safe; check for oncoming traffic

"Do Not Pass" sign (white rectangle) — No passing for any reason

Turning and signaling

Right turn — Signal, move to rightmost lane, turn from that lane

Left turn (two-way road) — Signal, move to leftmost lane, yield to oncoming traffic

Arm signal — turn/stop duration — Signal continuously for at least 100 ft

Solid yellow arrow (traffic light) — Prepare to stop; yield to oncoming traffic

Railroad stop distance — Stop 10 – 50 ft from nearest rail

Look direction at intersection — Left, right, then left again before entering

Hill parking — no curb, downhill — Turn wheels right toward edge of road

Hill parking — uphill with curb — Turn wheels left away from curb

Safety, DUI, parking and test-day

Alcohol and impairment

Legal BAC limit (21+)	0.08% — illegal at or above this level	Only way to lower BAC	Time — coffee, food, and exercise do not help
Underage BAC	Any detectable amount suspends license	One drink	Enough to affect driving ability
BAC at 0.02%	Doubles crash risk — already impaired	Prescription + alcohol	Can make you unfit to drive — consult doctor
First thing alcohol affects	Judgment	Driving under any medication	Illegal if it impairs driving — no exceptions

Hazardous conditions

DO

- + Use low-beam headlights in fog, rain, or snow
- + Increase following distance on slippery roads
- + Slow down gradually if a tire blows out
- + Steer gently and hold wheel firmly if wheels drop off pavement edge
- + Pull off, turn on flashers, and stay in vehicle if stopping on interstate
- + Obey officer directing traffic even if signal is green
- + Find a safe place to nap if drowsy — fatigue causes crashes

DON'T

- Do not use high beams in fog — light reflects back into eyes
- Do not slam brakes during a skid — stay off the brakes
- Do not back up on the road or shoulder if you miss a freeway exit
- Do not release seat belt when about to be hit from behind
- Do not assume wet roads are safe at posted speed limits

Parking rules

Red curb	No parking, standing, or stopping	Parallel park — uphill, curb	Turn wheels left away from curb
Handicap spaces	Only drivers with correct plate or hanging tag	Hit a parked car — owner not found	Leave a note with your name and address
Parallel park — downhill, no curb	Turn wheels right toward edge of road	Parked in unusual area	Ensure vehicle is visible from all directions
Parallel park — downhill, curb	Turn wheels right toward curb	Curb signals — pulling in or out	Always use turn signal

Graduated license — MS DPS

Permit supervisor — Licensed driver, 21+, in front passenger seat

Permit hold time — 12 months minimum before intermediate license

Supervised hours — No state minimum — unique to Mississippi

Passenger restriction — None on intermediate license — unique to Mississippi

Night curfew (under 16.5) — 10 pm – 6 am Sun–Thu; 11:30 pm – 6 am Fri–Sat

Intermediate hold time — 6 months or until age 17, whichever comes first

Driver ed — Required for all first-time applicants under 18

Permit fee — \$7 for 2-year learner's permit

Test-day cheat box

Questions	30 multiple-choice	Top category by question count	Traffic laws (194 of 459)
To pass	24 correct (80%)	Second largest category	Safety (127 questions)
Issuing agency	Mississippi Department of Public Safety (DPS)	Road signs questions	43 questions in the bank
Handbook	Mississippi Driver's Manual	Free practice exam	drivetoexceldmvtest.com/state/MS