









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

West Virginia signs you will see on the test

 Reverse curve Road curves right then left. Slow before the first curve.	 Sharp curve left Road curves sharply to the left ahead. Slow down.	 No U-turn U-turns are prohibited at this location.	 No-pass pennant Yellow pennant on LEFT side marks start of no-passing zone.	 Intersection ahead Cross road or T-intersection ahead. Be ready to yield.	 Exit lane required Overhead arrow — stay in lane or you must exit the freeway.
 Stop Full stop at line. Check all directions before proceeding.	 Sharp turn Black-and-yellow warning: extreme directional change ahead.	 Warning sign Diamond yellow shape warns of road condition ahead.	 Right lane ends Right lane ends ahead. Merge left when safe.	 Wrong way / Do not enter Prevents wrong-direction entry on one-way streets and ramps.	 Detour right Orange detour sign: follow the route arrow to the right.
 Stop — 4-way Stop completely; check for pedestrians and cross traffic.	 Railroad crossing Round yellow advance warning. Slow, look, listen, prepare to stop.	 Advisory speed Yellow speed plate — maximum safe speed for this curve or ramp exit.	 Curve ahead Road curves ahead. Reduce speed before entering the curve.		

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.

Rules of the road

Right of way

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

4-way stop — simultaneous — Driver on the right has the right-of-way.

Uncontrolled intersection — Yield to vehicle already in or on the right.

Left turn — Yield to all oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

Pedestrian — Always yield — even if pedestrian crosses carelessly.

Emergency vehicle — Pull to right curb and stop. Even on one-way streets.

Funeral procession — Yield once lead vehicle passes the intersection.

Stopped school bus — Stop both directions on 2-lane road when red lights flash.

Roundabout — Yield to traffic already circulating before entering.

Merging onto freeway — Yield to freeway traffic; accelerate to match their speed.

Blind pedestrian — Slow down and prepare to stop for white cane or guide dog.

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

West Virginia speed limits

Open county highway (unless posted) 55 mph

Posted speed limit means Max under ideal conditions

Driving too slowly (blocking traffic) Illegal

Basic Speed Rule Never faster than safe for conditions

Lane markings and passing

Solid white center line — Same-direction lanes — passing not permitted.

Broken yellow center — Opposite-direction lanes — passing allowed when safe.

Double solid yellow — No passing in either direction. Cross only to turn into driveway.

No-pass pennant — On LEFT side of road — marks start of no-passing zone.

Center left-turn lane — Use for left turns only — never use as a travel lane.

Passing on right — Only legal if vehicle ahead is turning left and a lane is available.

Motorcycle lane — Motorcycles entitled to full lane width — do not crowd them.

Changing lanes — Signal, check mirrors, check blind spot — then change.

Turning and signaling

Signal — always — Signal even when no visible traffic is present.

Hand signal — left — Arm straight out the driver window.

Hand signal — right — Arm bent up at the elbow.

Hand signal — slow / stop — Arm bent down at the elbow.

Right turn position — Move close to the right edge before turning right.

Left turn — multilane — Turn into lane closest to your previous lane.

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

Flashing yellow arrow — May turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

Following distance and sharing the road

Following distance — At least 3–4 seconds under ideal conditions; more in bad weather.

Tailgater behind you — Tap brakes gently, slow down, let them pass.

Headlights — dim — Dim to low beams within 500 ft of an oncoming vehicle; within 200 ft of a vehicle you are following.

Fog / rain — Use low-beam headlights. Do not use high beams in fog.

Transit vehicle — Yield when a bus signals to re-enter from a stop.

School bus — after stop — Watch for children walking along the side of the road.

Move-over law — Change lanes or slow for stopped emergency vehicle ahead.

Crash — unattended vehicle — Leave written note with name, address, and circumstances.

Safety, DUI, parking and test-day

West Virginia DUI quick-facts

Adult driver BAC limit	0.08 %	First DUI — fine	\$1,000
Only way to lower BAC	Time — nothing else works	Open container in vehicle	Illegal under any circumstances
Body processes alcohol	~1 drink per hour	Drugs (Rx or OTC)	Read label; can multiply alcohol effects
First DUI — jail	Up to 6 months county jail	Any drug + alcohol	Increases effects of both — never combine

Hazardous conditions

DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Use low beams in fog, rain, and snow + Increase following distance in rain, snow, or poor visibility + Steer in direction of the skid; ease off gas to recover + Stop driving and rest if you feel tired — every 2 hours on long trips + Slow down as you enter a curve; accelerate as you exit + Pull far right and stop for approaching emergency vehicles + Check behind the vehicle before backing — then look out rear window while reversing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use high beams in fog — light reflects back at you - Use cruise control in winter weather - Look into oncoming headlights at night - Eat, drink, or text while driving — all impair vehicle control - Drive when angry or stressed without first cooling off - Drive through a railroad crossing if there is no room to clear the tracks - Drive around lowered or raising railroad crossing gates — illegal

Parking rules

Fire hydrant clearance	15 ft minimum	Uphill — with curb	Wheels AWAY from curb
Crosswalk or bike lane	No parking or stopping	Hill — no curb (any direction)	Wheels TOWARD road edge
Freeway shoulder	Only in an emergency	No standing zone	May stop only to pick up / drop off passengers
Downhill — with curb	Wheels TOWARD curb	Parallel parking — start	Pull even with the car in front of the space

Equipment and vehicle rules

Seat belt — all occupants — Every occupant must be buckled every time the car is driven.	Exhaust leak — Dangerous — can cause carbon monoxide poisoning inside cabin.
Seat belt fit — Buckled snugly across hip bones and lower abdomen.	Unfamiliar vehicle — Adjust seat and locate all controls before driving.
Children in vehicle — Never allowed to stand or move freely inside a moving vehicle.	Vehicle defect — Correct any safety defect as soon as possible.
Annual inspection — State vehicle inspection required every year.	Documents at traffic stop — Must produce license, registration, and proof of insurance.

West Virginia test-day cheat box

Exam length (all ages)	25 questions	Supervised hours required	50 total (10 at night)
Passing score	76% — 19 of 25 correct	Supervisor requirement	Licensed driver age 21+
Permit fee (2026)	\$7.50	Level 2 passenger limit	No non-family under 20 for first 6 months
GDL Level 1 hold period	6 months (no violations)	Full license (Level 3)	Age 17 after 1 year of Level 2, no violations

Last-minute test-taking tips

Read every option before you pick — WV often includes a partially-correct choice to trip you up. When two answers seem right, pick the more cautious one ('yield and wait' usually beats 'speed up' or 'proceed'). Watch for 'All of the above' — it appears frequently and is often correct. Remember: WV's pass threshold is 76% (19/25), not 80%. Eliminate obvious wrong answers first, then make your best choice — unanswered counts as wrong.