

## Ohio Laws Curriculum

### **Station Objective:**

The participants will learn to ...

- Remember some of the Ohio Laws that govern drivers
- Recite from memory answers to questions dealing with motorcycle driving
- Draw from memory traffic signs that are not usually seen on local roads

### **Materials Needed:**

- Educational display board
- Index cards

### **Activity Description:**

This learning exercise is designed like the jeopardy game. On each side of the educational display is for team scores to be kept. The center section is where to game is assembled. The group is divided into two teams with one person at a time calling for a color and value. Group leaders will read the question to the team and ask for an answer in 5 to 10 seconds. If answer is correct, team gets the points. However, if they miss the other team gets to answer for the steal of points.

### **Bonus Round:**

In the last 2 to 3 minutes, move the leftover questions that have not been answered down to the bonus area. This is played like a lightning round. The contests must answer the question in 10 seconds.





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### Yellow 200

Q: What is the speed limit in a residential area?

A: 25 mph

### Yellow 400

Q: Name the only four-point violation?

A: Reckless driving

### Yellow 600

Q: What is the rule of thumb for maintaining a safe distance from the car in front of you?

A: The 3 second rule from a stationary object, at normal speed or 1 car length per every 10 mph

### Yellow 800

Q: True or False: You have the right to have a license.

A: False. Having a license is a PRIVILEGE, not a right.

### Yellow 1000

Q: Prior to turning or changing lanes, how many feet must a continuous turn signal be displayed?

A: 100 feet (approx. 2-3 sec.)

### Blue 200

Q: How far away can you be from the right curb or the road when parallel parking?

A: 12 inches

### Blue 400

Q: What is the prohibited BAC for drivers under 21 years old?

A: .02 percent

### Blue 600

Q: What hours are 16 year olds restricted from driving?

A: Between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

### Blue 800

Q: Yes or No: Under the current seat belt law, are passengers in the back seat required to wear a seat belt?

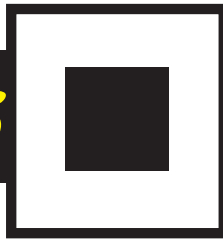
A: No

### Blue 1000

Q: When riding in a group of motorcycles, inexperienced riders should position themselves where?

A: Just behind the leader up front.





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### Green 200

Q: True or False: It is okay to hang out of or ride on moving vehicles.

A: False

### Green 400

Q: When should your headlights be on?

A: Bad weather, 1/2 hour before sunset until 1/2 hour after sunrise, or whenever your windshield wipers are on.

### Green 600

Q: What do you need to possess to be considered the legal owner of a vehicle?

A: Possession of the title with your name on it, proof of insurance, and a valid driver's license.

### Green 800

Q: Name two counties that require E-check other than Butler and Hamilton?

A: Clark, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Gueauga, Greene, Lake, Loraine, Medina, Montgomery, Portage, Summit, and Warren

### Green 1000

Q: What two actions are required when passing another vehicle on a two-lane road?

A: 1. A visual sign (i.e., turn signal, flash headlights)  
2. An audible signal (i.e., horn)

### Orange 200

Q: What is the speed limit in a school zone?

A: 20 mph

### Orange 400

Q: What does DUI stand for?

A: Driving under the influence

### Orange 600

Q: Is it legal to carry a passenger on a moped?

A: No, buddy seats and foot pegs do not make mopeds suitable for caring two passengers

### Orange 800

Q: What is the minimum amount of tread depth needed on your tires?

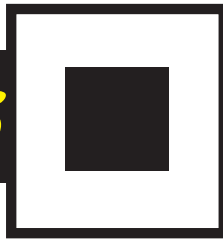
A: 1/16 of an inch or the distance from the edge of a penny to the top of Abe Lincoln's head.

### Orange 1000

Q: When riding a motorcycle the greatest potential for conflict between you and other drivers is where?

A: At an intersection





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### Red 200

Q: Name a two-point violation

- A: 1. Moving violations (i.e., speeding, running a red light, etc.)  
2. Operating a motor vehicle when restricted by the BMV

### Red 400

Q: How far away should you stop for a schoolbus?

A: At least 10 feet

### Red 600

Q: What color cane does a blind person use and why?

A: A white cane with or without a red tip. It signifies to the driver that they are given the right of way because it reflects.

### Red 800

Q: Name one six-point violation.

A: Vehicular homicide, DUI, Hit and Run, Running from the police, Drag racing, Driving a car without an owner's permission, Driving without a license or while the license is restricted, Using a car to commit a felony.

### Red 1000

Q: You approach a four-way intersection where the light is not working, what do you do?

A: All directions of traffic are to stop before entering the intersection, and exercise ordinary care while proceeding through the intersection.

### Black 200

Q: True or False. Motorcyclist must pass other vehicles at the posted speed limit.

A: True

### Black 400

Q: How old do you have to be before riding in an unenclosed bed of a pick up truck?

A: 16 years old

### Black 600

Q: True or False. It is legal to wear headphones while driving as long as your car radio is completely inoperable.

A: False

### Black 800

Q: What two requirements must be met before a child can ride in a vehicle without sitting on a child safety seat?

A: 4 years old or weighs 40 pounds

### Black 1000

Q: True or False. It is legal to drive around a lowered railroad crossing gate as long as the train isn't too close.

A: False



## Ohio Traffic Rules

**Speed Limits:** 65 mph on Ohio Turnpike and on interstate highways outside urbanized areas, except 55 mph for vehicles weighing in excess of 8,000 pounds and any noncommercial bus. 55 mph on interstate highways inside urbanized areas. 60 mph or 55 mph as posted on highways outside municipal corporations unless signs indicate reduced limits. State routes, controlled access highways, and expressways inside municipal corporations — 50 mph unless a lower speed limit is established. Through highways within municipalities outside business districts — 35 mph unless otherwise posted. School zones — 20 mph.

**Radar Detectors:** Permitted except in commercial vehicles.

**Seat Belts:** Mandatory for driver and front-seat passengers. Applies to out-of-state drivers and passengers. Fine of \$15, passengers; \$25, drivers for noncompliance.

**School Buses:** Color, yellow, National School Bus Chrome. Vehicles inside and outside municipalities must stop while school bus loading or unloading or red flashing signals are on. On 4-lane highways, need not stop if on other roadway.

**No Passing Zone:** Indicated by posted signs or solid yellow line in driver's lane. Crossing yellow line is prohibited.

**Passing on the Right:** Permitted when vehicle is making left turn or on roads with two or more lanes of traffic in each direction. May not leave roadway to pass.

**Stops at Railroad Crossings:** Required when signaled stop sign posted or when train is approaching. Law requires special vehicles to stop. Buses or motortrucks transporting employees, buses transporting passengers, school buses, vehicles transporting hazardous materials, required to stop.

**Headlight Use:** One-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, or when light conditions restrict visibility to 1,000 feet or less. Rain, snow, fog or other adverse weather conditions. Driving with headlights on during all hours of the day is permitted.

**Dimming of Headlights:** Required when approaching vehicles within 1,000 feet or following vehicles within 1,000 feet.

**Auxiliary Driving Lights:** Two foglights permitted. A maximum of five lights, including headlights, may be lighted at one time.

**Windshield Stickers:** Nontransparent sticker permitted in lower right hand or left hand corner. Size not to exceed 4 inches high by 6 inches wide. VIN must be visible.

**Parking on Highway:** Prohibited.

**Right Turn on Red:** Permitted after complete stop unless otherwise posted.

**Left Turn on Red:** Permitted after a complete stop, from a one-way street to a one-way street, unless otherwise posted.

**Studded Tires:** Permitted, November 1 to April 15.

**Towing Autos:** Maximum length of towbar, chain, rope or cable — 15 feet. Reciprocity granted. When one vehicle is towing another and the connection consists only of a chain, rope, or cable, a white flag not less than 12 inches square shall be displayed upon the connection between the two vehicles. Brakes, lights, and turn signals must be connected between vehicles.

**Glass Tinting:** Application of vehicle glass darkening material must meet Director of Public Safety specifications. ReflectORIZED material prohibited.

**Bumper Height:** Maximum and minimum allowable height determined by gross vehicle weight rating.

**Headsets:** Wearing of radio headsets while operating a motor vehicle is illegal.

**Barefoot Driving:** Operation of a motor vehicle by a driver with bare feet is permitted, but not recommended.

**Alcoholic Beverage Containers:** Transporting an open alcoholic beverage container within a motor vehicle is illegal. Consuming an alcoholic beverage within a motor vehicle is illegal.

**Emergency Radio:** Citizen band radio channel nine (9) is in many areas for emergency calls.

**Hazard Warning Lights:** Use by passenger cars or light trucks while moving on the highway is permitted when a hazardous highway condition is present.

**Left Lane Restriction:** Left lanes on divided highways are restricted to passing maneuvers.

**High Occupancy Vehicle Lane:** Signs are displayed showing hours of use and minimum number of occupants.

**Left Foot Braking:** Using the left foot to engage the brake pedal in a motor vehicle is permitted but not recommended for normal driving.

**Pickup Truck/Trailer Passengers:** Riding in the back of an unenclosed cargo storage area of a truck or trailer traveling over 25 mph is illegal for persons under age 16. Illegal for everyone if tailgate is unlatched. Exemptions during emergencies and for maintenance/construction workers. Riding in travel trailer or non-selfpropelled manufactured home is prohibited. Riding in pickup camper permitted.

**Cellular Telephone:** Use of a cellular telephone while driving is permitted. Emergency number is 911 or \*DUI.

**Bicycles:** Bicyclist must obey motor vehicle laws, must ride with traffic, helmet use not required.

**Pedestrians:** Pedestrian has right-of-way within crosswalk or unmarked crosswalk at intersections.

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