



To the Parent(s) of John Doe:

Here is the latest progress report for John's last driving lesson with Drivers Ed Direct.

**Lesson Overview:**

On January 12, 2009, John and driving instructor, Russ Shuster, conducted a 2-hour Level 3 driving-in-traffic lesson. This lesson consisted of reviewing safe maneuvering on business and residential streets. They also engaged in some brief freeway driving. A short list of some of the traffic exercises included: right and left turns in traffic, lane selection, traffic checks, entering and exiting a freeway, highway scanning, and maintaining an adequate space cushion behind limit lines. A DMV Practice Test was also conducted to prepare John for his actual DMV Drive Test.

**Strengths:**

- Acceleration and speed control
- Braking control
- Spatial awareness of other vehicles
- Lane changes

**Weaknesses:**

- Rear view mirror checks
- Performing the S.M.O.G technique

John is a great driver. He exhibits an excellent control of speed and braking, and conducts smooth turns with a comfortable and safe level of acceleration. He is cool, calm, and collected on the road. John displayed prudent decision-making at intersections and lane changes, traveling when safe and appropriate. He was very aware of cars and pedestrians around him. Furthermore, he had exceptional control of his steering. Finally, the DMV Practice Test conducted was passed although he did miss a few points for some of the weaknesses I mentioned.

**Recommendations:**

John needs to make sure he checks his rear view mirror after every maneuver. He greatly improved this over the course of the lesson, but you should continue to reinforce checking his mirror every two to five seconds when practicing with him. This will help ensure that he is always aware of his surroundings. Mirror checks are also an important part of the DMV Drive Test. Finally, make sure that John performs the S.M.O.G Technique when maneuvering any type of lane change or turn. The S.M.O.G Technique entitles one to Signal before maneuvering a lane change or turn, Mirror check to ensure a clear path, Over the shoulder check, and if that path is safe, Going with the maneuver.

Our team is dedicated to revolutionizing the driving school industry by using hybrid vehicles with extra safety features & environmental benefits along with a mentoring approach to teach the latest defensive driving techniques.

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