Parent/Teen Driving Agreement

This agreement is intended to ensure our family driving rules are clearly communicated to avoid misunderstandings. Together we will discuss safe driving habits and define vehicle use and operation rules as well as the consequences for breaking any of these rules.

1. Intermediate License Restrictions
   □ Seat belts must be worn by you (driver) and all passengers.
   □ Passenger Restrictions
     □ During the first 6 months, you may not have more than one passenger who is under the age of 19 who is not a member of our immediate family.
     □ After the first 6 months you may not have more than three passengers who are under the age of 19 who are not members of our immediate family.
     □ You may not operate alone between the hours of 1:00am and 5:00am, except to and from a school activity, a job or an emergency, unless you are accompanied by a licensed driver 21 years of age or older.

2. Check In With a Parent Prior To Driving
   □ Tell us where you are going, who will be with you and when you expect to return.
   □ Call home if you will be more than ______ minutes late.
   □ Call if you are unable to drive home safely due to weather or other situations. We will pick you up or arrange a safe ride home.

3. Do Not Take Unnecessary Risks
   □ Never use alcohol or drugs and drive or ride with someone who has been drinking or using drugs.
   □ Call for a ride.
   □ Do not drive aggressively. (e.g. speeding, tailgating or cutting others off).
   □ Pay attention. Do not text or use cell phone when driving.
   □ Do not drive when you are overly tired, angry or upset.

4. Financial/Vehicle Maintenance Responsibilities – Discuss what parents and teen will be responsible for; such as fuel costs, routine maintenance, insurance, etc.

PAY ATTENTION AND FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD

TEEN:
I understand that I alone am responsible for my actions behind the wheel. I pledge to drive safely and follow the laws of the State of Missouri and our family driving rules defined to protect myself, my passengers and other motorists.

I also understand if I do not follow the terms of this agreement my consequences will be _________________________________.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN:
As a parent/guardian I agree to help you to comply with the Graduated Driver License laws and to provide driver’s training. I will respond reasonably and fairly if you call for assistance due to inability to safely drive home or due to a traffic accident, weather or roadside emergency.

Signature(s): ___________________________ Date: ________________

Important Note: This agreement is not a requirement of the GDL program. It is not an official document of the Department of Revenue and is not a legal document. This contract is recommended as a way to encourage discussions about safe and responsible driving between the parent(s)/guardian and teen driver.