

# PURE FACT SHEET

## The Drivers' Test

Just as you may be a good driver even if you do not know the quickest way to the airport, children may have a lot of understanding and skills in reading and math and still choose wrong answers to standardized test questions. Multiple-choice standardized test questions measure very little of what people know and are able to do.



**Road test vs written test:** Compare the road test you take behind the wheel of a car with the pencil-and-paper “Rules of the Road” exam. Which one is more likely to show whether or not you are a good, safe driver? What would the drivers’ test look like if it was only made up of multiple choice (or, “testable”) items?

### Road test item

### Multiple choice test item

### Norm-referenced test item *(also sort and rank test-takers)*

Drive from point A to point B, obeying all signs, controls and rights-of-way.

What does this sign indicate?



- A. You should stop.
- B. Four-way stop.
- C. Slow down.
- D. Proceed with caution.

To drive from Union Station to O'Hare Airport, you must

- A. Take I-190.
- B. Take I-94 east.
- C. Pay a toll.
- D. Drive south.

Turn around using an alley on the left side of the street. Back the car out of the alley and stay on your side of the street.

When exiting an alley, you must

- A. Beep your horn.
- B. Flash your lights.
- C. Come to a complete stop.
- D. Turn left.

The alley behind a condominium always has

- A. Recycle bins.
- B. Rats.
- C. Private parking.
- D. Private garbage pick-up.

Parallel park.

What does this sign indicate?



- A. No parking.
- B. Bus stop.
- C. Parking reserved for disabled people.
- D. Parking reserved for people with handicap parking permits.

What is the fine for illegally parking in a handicap spot?

- A. \$500.
- B. \$100.
- C. There is no fine.
- D. \$10.

Demonstrate fueling your car in a safe manner.

Which of the following are you permitted to do when fueling your car?

- A. Leave the engine running.
- B. Smoke.
- C. Go into the store.
- D. Pay at the pump.

What is the smallest factor in gasoline prices?

- A. The cost of crude oil.
- B. Taxes.
- C. Profits.
- D. Marketing and distribution.

