

Colorado Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

— Scored questions	— Time limit	— Passing score
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The Numbers to Remember

Colorado doesn't publish a fixed question count or a passing-score percentage for this test, so there's no magic number to memorize here — the one thing officially confirmed is the scope of what's tested. Don't let the absence of a published number fool you into thinking the test is loosely defined; it just means the handbook itself is the boundary.

- The handbook states the test questions cover road signs, driving under the influence, driving rules, safety rules, and legal items — treat all five as equally fair game.
- No published item count means you can't guess your way past a weak category by hoping it's underrepresented on the actual test.
- No published passing score means the safe target is mastery across every named category, not a minimum squeak-by percentage.
- Because the categories are named explicitly, resist the urge to over-study signs while skimming DUI, safety, and legal-item material.

Sign Shapes at a Glance

- Octagon, red — stop; this shape is used for nothing else on the road.
- Downward triangle — yield; slow and give way.
- Diamond, yellow — general warning about upcoming hazards or road conditions.
- Pentagon, yellow — school zone or school crossing ahead.
- Round — railroad crossing warning.
- Rectangle, white — regulatory rule such as speed limits or turn restrictions.
- Orange — construction or work-zone warning; slow down.
- Green — guide/directional information like exits and distances.
- Blue — motorist services such as gas, food, or hospitals.
- Brown — recreational or scenic-area guidance.

Right-of-Way in One Breath

First to stop at an all-way intersection goes first. Pedestrians in a crosswalk — marked or unmarked — beat turning or crossing cars. Emergency vehicles running lights and sirens beat everyone else on the road; pull right and stop until they pass. Merging traffic yields to the lane it's entering rather than forcing its way in. Traffic already circulating inside a roundabout beats traffic waiting to enter it. When a scenario names more than one of these at once, work through them in that order rather than guessing.

Top Traps

- Assuming DUI and legal-item questions are rare. The handbook names them as tested categories exactly like signs — don't skip them while cramming shapes.
- Treating the posted speed limit as always safe. The basic speed rule requires slowing below it in rain, fog, or construction

- the test often rewards judgment over the printed number.
- Confusing yield and stop shapes under pressure. An octagon always means stop; a downward triangle always means yield — don't let color alone decide your answer.
- Forgetting pedestrians at unmarked crosswalks. The absence of painted lines doesn't remove a pedestrian's right-of-way.
- Underestimating fatigue as a real impairment category. Drowsy driving is tested alongside alcohol and drug impairment because both slow reaction time similarly.
- Skipping a timed practice run the night before. A single untimed read-through of the handbook doesn't reveal which categories are actually shaky under real test conditions.

Official sources

- Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles — Colorado Permits and First-Time Driver License | Colorado DMV: <https://dmv.colorado.gov/permits-first-time-driver-license>
- Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles — DR 2337 Colorado Driver Handbook: https://dmv.colorado.gov/sites/dmv/files/documents/DR_2337_Jan2025.pdf
- Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles — Colorado Permits and First-Time Driver License (Colorado Department of Revenue — Motor Vehicle): <https://dmv.colorado.gov/permits-first-time-driver-license>

Free practice questions for this exam: www.everyexamprep.com/practice/exams/driving/colorado-road-signs