

# Kentucky Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

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| —<br>Scored questions  | —<br>Time limit                                      | <b>80% minimum score</b><br>Passing score |
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## The Numbers to Remember

- Passing score: 80% minimum
- Minimum age for written/vision test: 15
- Approved study source: the Kentucky Driver Manual only
- Fail the written test? Retake it the next available day
- Fail the road test? Wait 7 full days before retaking
- Supervised driving required: 60 hours, including 10 hours at night
- Permit hold before intermediate license: 180 days
- Test administered by: Kentucky State Police
- Oral testing available in English and several foreign languages on tablet

## Sign Shapes at a Glance

- Red octagon — stop (unique shape, only meaning)
- Red/white triangle or red circle — yield / do not enter
- Yellow diamond — general warning (curves, crossings)
- Fluorescent yellow-green — pedestrian, bike, school warnings
- Orange — construction / work zone
- White rectangle — regulatory (speed limits, turns)
- Green rectangle — guide / directions
- Blue rectangle — services (gas, food, hospital)
- Brown rectangle — recreational sites

## Right-of-Way in One Breath

First to arrive at an uncontrolled intersection or four-way stop goes first; simultaneous arrivals yield to the right. Left turns yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. Crosswalk pedestrians generally have the right-of-way. Emergency vehicles with lights/siren always get the right-of-way — pull right and stop. In a roundabout, circulating traffic has priority over vehicles entering.

## Top Traps

- Confusing the yield shape (downward triangle) with the warning shape (diamond) — yield is about the point, warning is about the corners.
- Treating the posted speed limit as always-safe rather than a maximum for ideal conditions — rain, fog, and traffic all require going slower.
- Forgetting that pedestrians and left-turning traffic both have specific yield obligations, not just intersections overall.
- Assuming fatigue is a minor issue — it produces reaction-time effects similar to intoxication and shows up in scenario questions.

- Overlooking that the 80% passing bar applies to the whole test, mixing signs, rules, and procedures together, not just a signs-only section.
- Assuming a roundabout works like a normal intersection — circulating traffic always has priority over vehicles trying to enter.

Run through this list one more time the night before, then take one final full practice test in the morning. If you're consistently landing well above 80% across several practice attempts, you're ready.

### Official sources

- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Division of Driver Licensing (written/road testing administered by Kentucky State Police) — Graduated Driver Licensing Program - DRIVE (Kentucky Transportation Cabinet): <https://drive.ky.gov/Drivers/Pages/GDLP.aspx>
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Division of Driver Licensing (written/road testing administered by Kentucky State Police) — Kentucky Driver Manual (Kentucky State Police, rev. 10-11-2023): <https://wp.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Kentucky-Driver-Manual-10-11-2023.pdf>
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Division of Driver Licensing (written/road testing administered by Kentucky State Police) — Driver Testing | Kentucky State Police: <https://www.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/driver-testing>

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Free practice questions for this exam: [www.everyexamprep.com/practice/exams/driving/kentucky-road-signs](http://www.everyexamprep.com/practice/exams/driving/kentucky-road-signs)