

Texas Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

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Move Over or Slow Down

Approaching a stopped vehicle with activated overhead lights: move over an entire lane, or slow to 20 mph below the posted limit.

- The reduction is relative. Posted 65 -> 45. Posted 45 -> 25. Posted 75 -> 55. It is not a flat 20 mph.
- Covers law enforcement, tow trucks, utility vehicles, municipal waste trucks, emergency responders and TxDOT vehicles. Not just police.
- Since September 1, 2025: also animal control officers and parking enforcement employees.
- Activated overhead lights are the trigger. A disabled private car is outside the law.
- First offence up to \$1,250. Serious injury: up to \$4,000 and possible jail.

School buses — one exception

Stop for flashing red lights or an extended stop arm, whichever direction you are headed. Unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway — then you may continue.

- An undivided two-lane road gives no exception. Stop.
- Whether children are visible is irrelevant.
- Proceed when the bus moves, the lights stop flashing, or the driver signals. The bus driver decides, not you.
- First offence up to \$1,250 — the same ceiling as Move Over, because both protect someone outside a vehicle.

Speed — a two-step structure

- The statute sets a maximum of 70 mph.
- The Transportation Commission may set 75, 80 or 85 mph — but only where an engineering or traffic study finds the speed safe and reasonable and the highway is designed for it.
- So the answer to "what maximum does Texas law set" is 70, not 85.

Alcohol — three thresholds

- 0.08 ordinary limit.
- 0.04 commercial — attaches to the vehicle driven, not the licence held. Same person: 0.04 in a rig, 0.08 in their own car.
- Under 21: any detectable amount. No numeric floor. It is the criminal offence of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol by a Minor. Texas defines a minor as anyone under 21.

Implied consent: driving is consent to chemical testing. Refusal suspends the licence on a separate track, so beating the charge does not save the licence. Only time lowers BAC — not food, water, coffee or exercise.

Right-of-way order

1. Four-way stop: first to arrive goes; a genuine tie yields to the right.

2. Turning left on a green ball: yield to oncoming traffic. The green permits the turn; it does not grant priority.
3. Intersection flashing red in all directions: treat as an all-way stop.

Signals

- Flashing red = stop sign.
- Steady yellow = red is coming; stop if you safely can. If you are already too close to stop without hard braking, continue through.

Signs and lines (national)

- Shapes are unique: octagon stop, downward triangle yield, diamond warning, pentagon school, circle railroad.
- Colours: orange work zone, blue motorist services, brown recreational and cultural. A yellow diamond and an orange diamond are the same shape at different urgency.
- Lines: white = same direction, yellow = opposing. Solid yellow on your side = no passing on your side.
- Following distance: three seconds in good conditions.

Official sources

- Texas Department of Transportation — Railroad Crossing Safety Tips — TxDOT:
<https://www.txdot.gov/safety/driving-laws/railroad-crossing-tips.html>
- Texas Department of Transportation — Move Over or Slow Down — TxDOT:
<https://www.txdot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-campaigns/move-over-or-slow-down.html>
- Texas Department of Transportation — Texting and Cellphone Laws — TxDOT:
<https://www.txdot.gov/safety/driving-laws/texting-cellphone-laws.html>

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