

761—602.26 (321) Minor’s school license.**602.26(1) *Validity and issuance.***

- a.* A minor’s school license is a restricted, noncommercial Class C or Class M driver’s license.
- b.* The license is valid for driving unaccompanied from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the most direct route between a licensee’s residence and schools of enrollment or the closest school bus stop or public transportation service, and between schools of enrollment, to attend scheduled courses and extracurricular activities within the school district.
- c.* The license is also valid for driving when the licensee is accompanied by a person specified in Iowa Code subsection 321.180B(1).
- d.* The type of motor vehicle that may be operated is controlled by the class of driver’s license issued. A Class C minor’s school license is valid for operating a motorcycle only if the license has a motorcycle endorsement. A minor’s school license is valid for operating a motorized bicycle only for the purposes specified in paragraph “*b*” of this subrule.
- e.* The license is issued for two years.

602.26(2) *Requirements.*

- a.* An applicant shall be at least 14 years of age but not yet 18 and meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 321.194.
- b.* An applicant shall submit a statement of necessity signed by the chairperson of the school board, the superintendent of the school, or the principal of the school if authorized by the superintendent. The statement shall be on Form 430021.
- c.* An applicant shall submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in driver education.
- d.* For a Class M minor’s school license or a motorcycle endorsement, an applicant shall also submit proof of successful completion of an Iowa-approved course in motorcycle rider education.

602.26(3) *Exemption.*

a. An applicant is not required to have completed an approved driver education course if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that completion of the course would impose a hardship upon the applicant; however, the applicant must meet all other requirements for a school license. “Hardship” means:

- (1) If the applicant is 14 years old, that a driver education course will not begin at the applicant’s school(s) of enrollment or at a public school in the applicant’s district of residence within one year following the applicant’s fourteenth birthday; or
- (2) If the applicant is 15 years old, that a driver education course will not begin at the applicant’s school(s) of enrollment or at a public school in the applicant’s district of residence within six months following the applicant’s fifteenth birthday; or
- (3) If the applicant is between 16 and 18 years old, that a driver education course is not offered at the applicant’s school(s) of enrollment or at a public school in the applicant’s district of residence at the time the request for hardship status is submitted to the department; or
- (4) That the applicant is permanently handicapped. In this rule, “handicapped” means that, because of a disability or impairment, the applicant is unable to walk in excess of 200 feet unassisted or cannot walk without causing serious detriment or injury to the applicant’s health.

b. “Demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department” means that the department has received an affidavit on Form 430021 attesting that completion of the course would impose a hardship upon the applicant. The affidavit shall be signed by the applicant’s parent, custodian or guardian and by the superintendent of the applicant’s school, the chairperson of the school board, or the principal of the applicant’s school if authorized by the superintendent.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.177, 321.180B, 321.189, 321.194 and 321.196.